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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church, York, York County, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six. The sessions continued from the evening of the seventeenth to the evening of the twenty-fifth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions were opened with singing and prayer, by the President, the Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., prior to which he preached a sermon from 2 Corinthians 5, 20:—"*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. John Beck, Cyrus J. Becker, Isaac K. Loos.[1]
Elder. Hon. Joseph Laubach.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. George Wolff, William Rupp,[2] Franklin W. Kremer,[3] William A. Good,[4] and T. Calvin Leinbach.[5]

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[1] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of sessions.

[2] Took his seat on the morning of the second, and was succeeded by the Rev. Benjamin Bausman on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[3] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[4] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third, and was succeeded on the afternoon of the fifth by the Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, who obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[5] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fourth, and was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel Miller on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

Elders. Daniel Small,[6] David R. Koenig,[7] John Albert,[8] Daniel Levan,[8] and Reuben E. Addams.[9]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Jacob Ziegler, Jacob O. Miller, Jacob Sechler,[10] and John Ault.[11]

Elders. Henry Shriver, William A. Wilt, Peter Spangler, and Samuel Faber.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. John S. Foulk, George W. Glessner, Joseph W. Santee, John Kuelling, and Nicholas E. Gilds.[12]

Elders. Frederick Achey, and David C. Hammond.[13]

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Albert G. Dole,[14] Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Samuel H. Giesy, and Samuel G. Wagner.

Elders. Charles Santee, John Wiest, and John M. Jones.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. John C. Hensel.[15]

Elders. Samuel Rinker,[15] and David A. Plecker.[16]

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Rev. George W. Welker, and Thornton Butler.

Elders. * * * * * *

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. Isaac G. Brown, Abner R. Kremer,[17] Cyrus Cort, and William M. Deatrick.

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[6] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[7] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[8] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[9] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fifth, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[10] Was succeeded by the secundus Rev. William K. Zieber, on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

[11] Was succeeded by the Rev. William F. P. Davis, on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[12] Was succeeded by the primarius, Rev. John M. Titzel, on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[13] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[14] Was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[15] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[16] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[17] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions

Elders. Lewis H. Knode, Jacob Walter,[18] and George Cook.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Lucian Cort,[19] and George W. Aughinbaugh.[20]
Elder. Abraham Fluck.[20]

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff.[21]
Elder. * * * * * *

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Theodore Appel,[22] Henry Mosser,[23] and William T. Gerhard.[24]
Elders. Rudolph F. Kelker,[25] Christian Gast,[26] and Abraham Bausman.[26]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Rev. William G. Engle.
Elders. * * * * * *

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Rev. John Kretzing,[25] David E. Klopp,[27] and John W. Ebbinghaus.
Elder. Christian Siebert.[19]

XIV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Franklin J. Mohr, Jared Fritzinger, Samuel H. Reid,[28] and Henry H. W. Hibschman.[29]
Elders. David Eschbach,[24] and Jacob M. Follmer.[20]

XV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Samuel Kuhn, William H. Groh,[28] and Israel S. Weisz.[22]
Elder. Michael Brown.

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[18] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions.

[19] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[20] Took their seats on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[21] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[22] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[23] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[24] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fifth, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[25] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[26] Took their seats on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

[27] His seat was occupied by the secundus, the Rev. George B. Russell, from the afternoon o the fourth until the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[28] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions.

[29] Was succeeded by the Rev. Henry Hoffman, on the morning of the third day of the sessions

XVI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

Rev. Dietrich Willers.
Elder. Henry F. Trautman.[30]

XVII. SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Rev. John B. Alliger.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

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From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, Charles H. Leinbach, Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, Samuel Miller, John P. Stein.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. Jacob D. Zehring, David Bossler, William K. Zieber, Daniel Ziegler, F. William Vandersloot, William H. R. Deatrich, William F. P. Davis, James A. Schultz, David W. Wolff, William C. Bennet, Daniel Gring. Elders, Samuel Ziegler, Israel Laucks, Francis C. Polack, William H. Welsh, Samuel Stouffer, John P. Hassler, Stephen B. Kieffer, and Licentiate John A. Hoffheins.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. Edward R. Eschbach, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, George L. Staley, Marcus Bachman, Frederick A. Rupley, and Elders Goldsboro S. Griffith, and John Rodenmayer.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev. Daniel Feete, Henry Wissler, and William D. Lefevre.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Walter E. Krebs, Jacob Hassler, Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, J. Spangler Kieffer, Peter S. Davis, Darius W. Gerhard. Elder, George Besore, and Licentiate Charles Knepper.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, Amos H. Kremer, John G. Fritchey, William H. H. Snyder, William A. Gring, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John G. Wolff, Martin A. Smith.

From the Classis of St. Paul.—Rev. George B. Russell.

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[30] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Reinhardt R. Smith, and Simon S. Miller.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier, and Jonathan Zellers.

From the Classis of Western New York.—Rev. Edmond Erb.

From the Classis of Westmoreland.—Rev. George H. Johnston, and Christian C. Russell.

From the Classis of St. John.—Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

From the Classis of St. Joseph.—Rev. John G. Noss.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced during the sessions: Rev. John Vögelin, of Germany; Rev. Messrs. Baum, Lochman, Menges, of the Lutheran Church; Presiding Elder Rev. Mr. Creaver, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Mr. Graver, of the United Brethren Church; Rev. William Philips, of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John S. Foulk was chosen *President.*

Rev. Samuel H. Giesy was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer.*

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher is *Stated Clerk.* During the organization, the Rev. George B. Russell acted as *Temporary Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read by the Stated Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The *Morning sessions* to open at half past eight, and close at half past eleven o'clock.

The *Afternoon sessions* to open at two and close at half past four o'clock.

Evening sessions were held every evening after Sunday, commencing at seven o'clock.

The committee to revise the rules of order reported progress, and was continued, with instructions to report at the next annual sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Minutes of Synod,—Rev. George Wolff, Albert G. Dole, David E. Klopp, and Elders Henry Shriver and Charles Santee.

On Overtures,—Rev. Isaac G. Brown, Jacob Ziegler, Nicholas E. Gilds, and Elders Daniel Small and Michael Brown.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches,—Rev. Theodore Appel, Israel S. Wiesz, John Kuelling, and Elders John M. Jones and Lewis H. Knode.

On Minutes of Classes,—Rev. William M. Deatrick, John Ault, Samuel G. Wagner, Lucian Cort, Franklin J. Mohr, Samuel Kuhn, and Elders David C. Hammond, Jacob Walter and David Eschbach.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination,—Rev. Dietrich Willers, Cyrus Cort, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Isaac K. Loos, Joseph W. Santee, John C. Hensell, and Elders Frederick Achey, John Wiest and George Cook.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports,—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Jacob O. Miller, George W. Glessner, and Elders John Albert and Rudolph F. Kelker.

On Theological Seminary,—Rev. John Beck, Jacob Sechler, John Kuelling, and Elders William A. Wilt and Frederick Achey.

On Missions,—Rev. George W. Welker, William H. Groh, Samuel G. Wagner, and Elders Joseph Laubach and Samuel Faber.

On Finance,—Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, Samuel H. Reid, John W. Ebbinghaus, and Elders Peter Spangler and John Wiest.

On Nominations,—Rev. Joseph W. Santee, Cyrus J. Becker, Abner R. Kremer, and Elders David R. Koenig and William A. Wilt.

On Publication,—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Cyrus Cort, Thornton Butler, and Elders David C. Hammond and Rudolph F. Kelker.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy each of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and of the Minutes, German and English, of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, North Carolina, Virginia, Mercersburg,

Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, Clarion, St. Paul, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and Western New York were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. Statements from the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. Letters were received from the delegates appointed by the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States, and the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

6. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of last year was dispensed with. They were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod offers the following as their report:

Item 1, page 15. Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 2, page 22. A resolution of Synod with reference to Licensure.

Item 3, page 37. Resolution merging the Theological Tutorship scheme into the Tercentenary Professorship.

Item 4, page 38. The Ex-Sheriff Duncan case.

Item 5, page 38. The founding of a Tercentenary Theological Professorship.

Item 6, page 38. The action of Synod with reference to assessments for Seminary purposes.

Item 7, page 39. Committee of correspondence with Elberfeld, &c.

Item 8, page 87. A resolution requiring all applications for aid in building churches to come through the Board of Church Extension.

Item 9, page 94. Synod's apportionment of the Contingent Fund.

Item 10, page 94. Resolution authorizing Rev. George B. Russell to make settlement with the Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

Item 11, page 97. Resolution referring to the division of Synod into District Synods.

Item 12, page 97. A resolution in reference to the desirableness of the General Synod meeting annually.

Item 13, page 103. A resolution calling upon the Classes for increased efforts in behalf of the church papers.

Item 14, page 105. Resolution with reference to establishing a new German paper to meet the wants of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Item 15, page 107. The appointment of a committee to prepare a digest for the use of Synod.

Item 16, page 107. Tercentenary enrolment.

Item 17, page 114. The appointment of a committee on Female Seminary.

Item 18, page 7. The officers appointed to revise the Rules of Order were continued.

Item 19, page 37. A resolution of Synod to take immediate steps to fill the German Professorship in the Seminary.

Item 20, page 9. The publication of the Minutes of the last annual sessions.

Item 21, page 104. The appointment of a general agent for obtaining relief for the Publication Board.

Item 22, page 110. The report on the propriety of calling a convention of laymen, deferred until this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WOLFF, *Chairman.*

For the reports of the delegates referred to in Item 1, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the action of Synod on Item 2, see Article XI, Examination, Licensure and Ordination; Items 11 and 12, see Article XVI, Appeals and References. For the result of the action of Synod referred to in Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 19, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; Item 8, see Article XIV, Missions; Items 9 and 10, see Article XV, Finance; Items 15, 16, 17 and 22, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; Items 13, 14, 20 and 21, see Article XIX, Publications; and Item 18, see Article IV, Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report, that the following documents were placed in their hands:

1. An invitation from the Consistory of the Third Church, Baltimore, to this body, to hold its next annual sessions in the Monumental City.

2. Is a request from the Consistories of the Saegertown Charge, for the speedy restoration of their Pastor; and a statement of reasons why he should be thus restored.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

For the result of the invitation contained in Item 1, see Article XXIII, Adjournment, and of the petition referred to in Item 2, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully submit the following report:

The documents placed in our hands are as follows:

1. A copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the Sixtieth General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, convened in New York City, June, 1866.

From this document it appears, that our delegate, Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, attended the meetings of this Synod, and that the Rev. John B. Alliger was elected Delegate *primarius* to our Synod. The Synod meets at Geneva, N. Y., on the first Wednesday, June, 1867.

2. A German and English copy of the Minutes of the Special and 119th Annual Meetings of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, convened in Lancaster, June, 1866.

The Rev. B. W. Schmauk was appointed a delegate to this Synod, and Rev. F. A. Muehlenberg his alternate. No evidence is found in these minutes to show, that our delegate attended the meetings of that body.

3. A letter from Rev. B. W. Schmauk, stating that neither he nor Prof. Muehlenberg was able to attend the sessions of this Synod, and kindly asking this Synod to excuse their non-attendance. The letter breathes a Christian spirit, and conveys the Christian greeting of the body which he represents to this Synod. The place of meeting was not specified at the meeting at Lancaster.

4. The Acts and Proceedings of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, in General Convention at Galion, Ohio, May, 1866.

From the proceedings of this body, it appears,

1st, That our delegate, Rev. George B. Russell, attended its meetings, and took part in its proceedings; and that Rev. John Lichtenstein was appointed Delegate *primarius*, and Eb. Keller his *secundus* to this Synod.

2nd. That the Synod of Ohio would heartily concur in any movement having for its object the formal union of the German Reformed and the Reformed Protestant Dutch Churches. Minutes page 59.

3rd. That the Synod desires the consolidation of the two Theological Seminaries in some central locality. Minutes page 60.

4th. That the Synod suggests the propriety of uniting all papers of the two Synods. Minutes page 6.

5th. Cleveland is the place of its next meeting, on Wednesday, May 22nd, 1867.

6th. A letter from the Rev. Eli Keller, delegate *secundus* from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, expressing regret that neither he nor his *primarius* is able to attend the sessions of this Synod, and conveying their cordial greetings from that body to our Synod.

The last three items in these Minutes are referred to the General Synod, but the Committee thought they ought at least to be presented to the consideration of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Chairman.*

The items relative to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church and the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania were adopted, and the items referred to in the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, relative to the union of the Theological Seminaries and Church papers, were referred to the General Synod, and the report then adopted as a whole.

II. REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate was privileged to attend the sessions of the late annual meeting of the Western Synod, which met on the 23rd of May, 1866, in Galion, Ohio, and continued its sittings for eight days, adjourning on Wednesday evening of the 30th, after an unusually protracted, but interesting and harmonious meeting. The place of meeting was changed by the officers, for sufficient reasons, from Lancaster, Ohio, to the above named place, in accordance with a standing rule of the Synod. By a similar law, every third year this Synod meets in convention. As this was such a meeting, all the ministers of the Synod were delegates, and the sessions were unusually full.

The proportion of the eldership in the representation was remark-

ably small. The German element was, perhaps, never better, nor more fully represented.

As representative of the Eastern Synod, your delegate was cordially received, and treated with distinguished consideration. He participated freely and heartily, in the business transactions of the Synod, especially such parts as related to the more general interests of the whole Church.

On the question of creating District Synods, there seemed to be much diversity of opinion. The German Classes want to be organized into a Synod which will not only give room for the use of that language in its business transactions, but which will afford a peculiar home for their spirit, and enable them to carry on their operations in their own way. The General Synod was requested to form the "North-Western" Synod of the German Reformed Church, out of the Classes of Erie, Heidelberg, Indiana, St. Joseph and Sheboygan.

Great interest was also manifested on the general subject of the Liturgy. They are not of one mind as to what this shall be. The old committee reported but little outward progress during the year; but it is generally known that the study of the question had carried at least a portion of them by an inward force, to a stand-point farther into the general life and spirit of the liturgical movement, than their former position. Their labors are far, as yet, from complete. Hence, they asked leave to continue the work, with a re-constructed committee.

An effort was made to carry forward the plan for endowing Heidelberg College, which did not result, at the time, as favorably as could be wished.

By reference to their published proceedings you find an important overture to the General Synod in reference to a union of the Reformed Churches of America, which may claim the attention of this Synod.

Respecting the project of consolidating our two Theological Seminaries, there was a similar overture sent up to the General Synod.

Also, a similar request in regard to uniting the several church papers; in which, of course, this Synod will have to be consulted.

Having presented the fraternal greetings and Christian salutations of this Synod to her brethren of the West, at an early part of their sessions, we were made to feel as much at home among them as during the first ten years of our ministry, in which we were a regular member of that Synod. The brethren are as actively as ever engaged in the great work and mission of our Reformed Church in the West. They are thankful for our sympathy, counsel and material aid. They need, especially, a vast increase of men and money, to carry forward, and maintain our Reformed standard. It was our privilege to assure them, that to the measure of our available ability they might look for help from the East.

On taking leave of them, I was charged to bear back with me the reciprocal feelings of the Western Church for the fraternal expressions

kindness and regard, conveyed to them, of which their delegate, elected to meet with this body will more fully assure you.

The breaking up of the two Synods into smaller bodies, and the organization of the German Synod, will probably suggest the propriety of bringing to an end the present formal correspondence by exchange of delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL.

General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States;

BRETHREN—It was my pleasure, as your delegate, to attend the Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, which commenced its sessions in the city of New York on the 6th of June last.

Though a stranger, your delegate did not feel strange among the brethren composing the Synod. The similarity of their forms of business to those of our own Synod, connected with the kind and courteous spirit which was exhibited from all sides, caused him at times almost to forget that he was away from home.

Sprinkled with signs of age, here and there, yet the Synod was composed mainly of young men, vigorous, well equipped, zealous and fully enlisted in the Master's great work. It was delightful to listen to the reports of their several Boards, especially those of Missions and Education, and to mark the great liberality of their membership, and the rich blessings of God by which their practical efforts, during the past year, seemed to have been crowned. There was no room left to doubt their being fully awake to the demands of the times. The feeling was general that the boundaries within which they have hitherto mainly confined their labors are too contracted for the ability with which God has blessed them, and a restless desire is every where evinced to widen their territory, if possible, and thus secure to themselves the privilege of doing good on a grander scale.

It may be of interest to state, in this connection, that this Synod has initiated the same movement in regard to a change of their name that our own did a few years ago. A committee was appointed, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting to the next Annual Synod in regard to the propriety of dropping the word *Dutch*, which is supposed to stand in the way of their proper enlargement; and from the feeling that was manifested, which seemed to be almost unanimously favorable, we can hardly doubt, unless some insuperable difficulty should be found in the way, that the proposed change will be acceded to and ratified by the Church at large.

After giving some expression to the kindly Christian sentiments which your reverend body entertains for, and instructed me to bear to them, your representative was commissioned, afresh, by the President of their Synod, to bear back to you the same cordial greetings

from them, coupled with the ardently expressed hope, that the fraternal relation thus happily existing between the two Synods, so full of pleasant memories and Christian interest, might ever continue.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL GANS.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—No report was received from the delegates to this body.

III. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States.—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, *primarius*, and Rev. John S. Foulk, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—Rev. Dietrich Willers, *primarius*, and Rev. Albert G. Dole, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania—Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, *primarius*, and Rev. Franklin W. Kremar, *secundus*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, the Rev. John B. Alliger, delegate from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, took leave of Synod in a brief address, which received an appropriate response from the President.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item. The following is the report as adopted:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report the following:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Lebanon Classis licensed Joseph H. Schläppig, without requiring him to attest his adherence to the Church in its doctrines and discipline by subscribing the Constitutional Formula.

2. Zions Classis failed to give documentary evidence of having formally opened its annual meeting with prayer, and also to close a special meeting with prayer, as required by the Constitution.

3. The same Classis licensed John A. Hoffheins without his subscribing the Constitutional Formula.

4. Maryland Classis was irregular in the manner of calling all its special meetings during the last classical year, ending May, 1866, and consequently all the acts and proceedings of said meetings were irregular.

5. Virginia Classis failed to give documentary evidence of having closed one of its sessions with prayer.

6. The same Classis placed an Elder on a Committee of Ordination and Installation.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis failed to furnish documentary evidence of having opened and closed several of its sessions with prayer.

8. Lancaster Classis licensed Darius W. Gerhard and Amandus F. Ziegler without their subscribing the Formula.

9. The same Classis held a special meeting without giving documentary evidence of opening and closing it with prayer, and also admitting laymen, not mentioned as Elders, to seats as advisory members.

10. East Susquehanna failed to furnish Synod with a separate copy of its Report on the State of Religion and Statistics.

11. The same Classis appointed Rev. E. C. Sheip, Chairman of the Committee, whilst he was still a member of another Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis refers to Synod for decision, the validity or invalidity of the baptism of a catechumen, who was baptized in infancy by her mother.

2. Lebanon Classis earnestly requests Synod to direct its Committee on Sunday School Literature, to make a selection of books, which may be safely recommended to our people, as adapted to the wants of our children.

3. The same Classis earnestly requests Synod to adopt measures, to have all delinquent beneficiaries refund, as soon as possible, the funds received by them from the Board of Education.

4. The same Classis respectfully requests Synod to take measures, to require all our beneficiaries to conform to all the rules and regulations that have been or may be adopted by the Board of Education and the different Classes, and that Synod revise its entire system of beneficiary education.

5. Mercersburg Classis respectfully refers Synod to what Classis conceives to be a conflict between Synod's action of last year on page 22, in regard to licensure and Article 5 of the Constitution of the Church.

6. The same Classis respectfully petitions the present Synod to take into earnest consideration, the general literary interests of our Church and, if possible, initiate measures for the establishment of a German Reformed University, or some Institution of kindred character.

7. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to direct its Stated Clerk to

send all the minutes intended for Classis to the Stated Clerk of Classis.

8. The same Classis respectfully requests Synod to give an answer to the question, whether, in the election of lay-delegates to Synod, the Classis is limited to those Elders who are not only delegated to Classis by the Consistories, but are also in actual attendance upon the annual meeting.

9. Clarion Classis respectfully requests Synod to revise the English Hymn book, so as to conform it more with the order of the Church Year and the Provisional Liturgy.

10. St. Paul's Classis respectfully requests Synod to publish for general circulation only, a condensed abstract of its annual minutes, while a small edition of the full record be issued for the use of the ministers, so as to reduce, if possible, the expense and classical assessments; and that the minutes be issued as soon after the adjournment of Synod as possible.

11. The same Classis requests Synod to approve of its action in modifying the sentence of deposition in the case of D. B. Ernst to that of suspension.

12. New York Classis recommends to the Board of Home Missions, through Synod, the propriety of appointing a travelling preacher, for the New England States, to gather and organize congregations.

13. New York Classis requests Synod to reconsider its action in regard to the Theological Tutorship, and to uphold this important institution.

14. Western New York Classis respectfully calls the attention of Synod to the fact, that it ordained no person during the former year, and consequently was not irregular, as stated in the report on Minutes of Classes of last year, in placing elders on such committee of ordination.

15. The same Classis requests, in case the Synod is divided into district or provincial Synods, that it be connected in a convenient manner with other Classes.

16. Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to define the boundary line between the East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen Classes.

III. APPEALS.

None.

IV. SYNOD'S REQUESTS TO THE CLASSES.

1. The following Classes approve of dividing this Synod into two or more provincial Synods: Lebanon, North Carolina, Philadelphia, Goshenhoppen, West Susquehanna, Clarion, St. Paul's, New York, and East Pennsylvania, provided they are general and not delegated Synods. The following Classes disapprove of said contemplated division, viz: Zions, Maryland, Mercersburg, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, and Western New York (if the General Synod is to take the general institutions under its supervision).

2. Virginia Classis declines to take action upon this item, as the Classis does not feel prepared to do so intelligently, owing to their having been shut out from all communication with the Synod, and the churches in the North, for a time.

3. The following Classes approve of the General Synod meeting annually, viz: East Pennsylvania, North Carolima, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Lancaster, West Susquehanna, Clarion, and Western New York.

The following Classes do not approve of the General Synod meeting annually, viz: Lebanon, Zions, Maryland, Goshenhoppen, East Susquehanna, and St. Paul's.

Virginia Classis declines to take action on this item, and New York Classis failed to take action.

4. The Classes generally accede to the recommendation of Synod in regard to Licensure, Home and Foreign Missions, desiring assistance in building churches and the payment of church debts, circulating of the church periodicals, and the payment of assessments for Synodical purposes.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis dismissed Rev. Paul Wald to the Clarion Classis, Rev. Levi K. Derr to the Lebanon Classis, and Rev. John H. Sykes to the Westmoreland Classis; received Rev. Samuel Philips from the Zions Classis, and the licentiate Charles Knepper from the Mercersburg Classis, and dismissed him to the Lebanon Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis received Rev. John B. Poerner and Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan, from the Maryland Classis, Rev. Levi K. Derr from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. David B. Albright from the East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh to the Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. Wm. Rupp to the Westmoreland Classis, and licensed Joseph H. Schläppig.

Zions Classis dismissed Rev. William D. Lefevre to the Virginia Classis, Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickley to the Sandusky Classis, Rev. Samuel Philips to the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. David E. Klopp to the St. Paul's Classis, and licensed John A. Hoffheins.

4. Maryland Classis received Rev. George W. Glessner from the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. William Goodrich from the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Casper Scheel from the St. Paul's Classis, and licentiate C. Beecher Wolff from the Mercersburg Classis; dismissed Rev. Henry I. Comfort to the Miami Classis, Rev. Henry Wissler to the Virginia Classis, Rev. Peter A. Schwartz to the New York Classis, Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan to the Lebanon Classis, and the licentiate Harrison Getzendanner to the Virginia Classis.

5. North Carolina Classis received the licentiate John C. Denny, licensed by the Presbytery of Orange, and ordained him, and relicensed M. L. Hedrick.

6. Virginia Classis received Rev. Henry Wissler, and the licentiate

Harrison Getzendanner from the Maryland Classis, the Rev. Wm. B. Lefevre from Zions Classis, and dismissed Rev. Daniel Feete to the Philadelphia Classis.

7. Philadelphia Classis received Rev. Albert G. Dole from the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. George Leidy from the Zions Classis; dismissed Rev. Edwin M. Long to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania; licensed Frederick Pilgram and J. E. Lang, and dismissed the licentiate F. Pilgram to the St. Paul's Classis.

8. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh from the Lebanon Classis, Rev. Frederick A. Gast from the Lancaster Classis, Rev. Samuel N. Callender from the St. Paul's Classis, the licentiate Darius W. Gerhart from the Lancaster Classis, and ordained him, and the licentiate J. Spangler Kieffer from the West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained him; dismissed Rev. William D. C. Rodrock to Zions Classis, Rev. Samuel H. Reid and Rev. Elijah B. Wilson to the East Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate C. Beecher Wolff to the Maryland Classis, licensed Charles G. Fisher and Charles Knepper, and dismissed the latter to East Pennsylvania Classis.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh from the Tiffin Classis, dismissed the Rev. Levi C. Sheip to the East Susquehanna Classis, and deposed the Rev. Robert A. Van Court from the Gospel Ministry.

10. New York Classis received Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff from the Mercersburg Classis, dismissed Rev. J. M. Steiner to the Presbyterian Church, O. S., and ordained the licentiate Christopher Michel.

11. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. Frederick A. Gast to the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., to Philadelphia Classis, licensed Darius W. Gerhard and Amandus F. Ziegler, and dismissed the former to the Mercersburg Classis.

12. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Samuel H. Reid and Rev. Elijah B. Wilson from the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Levi C. Sheip from the Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. Albert Krahn from the Presbytery of New Jersey, Rev. Simon S. Miller from the Sandusky Classis, and Rev. Aaron R. Hottenstein from the West Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. Henry Losch to the Susquehanna Association of Congregational churches and ministers, Rev. Wm. Goodrich to the Maryland Classis, Rev. Albert G. Dole to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse and Rev. John W. Lescher to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Ephraim Kieffer to Zions Classis, and Rev. David B. Albright to the Lebanon Classis.

13. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. John W. Lescher and Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse from the East Susquehanna Classis, licensed J. Spangler Kieffer and dismissed him to the Mercersburg Classis.

14. Clarion Classis received Rev. David O. Shoemaker from the St. Paul's Classis, dismissed Rev. Jeriah S. Shade to the St. Paul's Classis, and Rev. Herman Bielbeld to the New York Classis.

15. St. Paul's Classis received Rev. Jeriah S. Shade from the Clarion Classis, Rev. David E. Klopp from Zions Classis, the licentiate

Frederick Pilgram from the Philadelphia Classis, and ordained him; licensed Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, and ordained him; dismissed Rev. David O. Shoemaker to the Clarion Classis, Rev. Casper Scheel to the Maryland Classis, Rev. Samuel N. Callender to the Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. Lucian J. Mayer to the Gosenhoppen Classis.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Howertown, Northampton county, Pa., on Tuesday after Ascension Day, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Rev. John Beck, *President*, and Rev. Nero S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will hold its next annual meeting in St. John's Church, Lebanon county, Pa., on Thursday preceding Ascension Day, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, *President*, and Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Zions Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Gettysburg, Adams county, Pa., on the Second Friday in May, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. David Bossler, *President*, and Rev. William R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Maryland Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Emmettsburg, Frederick county, Maryland, on Friday preceding Ascension Day, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, *President*, and Rev. William F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk*.

5. North Carolina Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Bethany Church, Davidson county, North Carolina, on Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in April, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Rev. Jesse W. Cecil, *President*, and Rev. G. William Welker, *Stated Clerk*.

6. Virginia Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, West Virginia, on Friday before the First Sabbath in May, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Rev. George H. Martin, *President*, and Rev. H. St. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Philadelphia Classis will hold its next annual meeting at White Marsh, Montgomery county, Pa., on Friday, May 31st, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. John G. Wiehle, *President*, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., *Stated Clerk*.

8. Mercersburg Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Pattonsville, Bedford county, Pa., on Friday, May 17th 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. Henry Heckerman, *President*, Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Millerstown, Lehigh county, Pa., on Friday before Ascension Day, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Peter S. Fisher, *President*, and Rev. J. Henry Dubbs, *Stated Clerk*.

10. New York Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, on Wednesday after Whitsuntide, 1867, at 7½ o'clock,

P.M., Rev. Lewis B. Schwartz, *President*, and Rev. Oscar T. Lohr, *Stated Clerk.*

11. Lancaster Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Conestoga Centre, Lancaster county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. Henry Mosser, *President*, and Rev. Martin A. Smith, *Stated Clerk.*

12. East Susquehanna Classis will hold its annual meeting at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., on Fourth Tuesday in May, 1867, at 7 o'clock, P.M., Rev. Rudolph Dunger, *President*, and Rev. William C. Cremer, *Stated Clerk.*

13. West Susquehanna Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., on the Third Thursday in May, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier, *President*, and Rev. David G. Klein, *Stated Clerk.*

14. Clarion Classis will hold its next annual meeting in St. John's Church, Monroe township, Clarion County, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Rev. Milton H. Hockman, *President*, and Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk.*

15. St. Paul's Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Brown's Church, Crawford county, Pa., on Ascension Day, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Rev. C. A. Limberg, *President*, and Rev. John Kretzing, *Stated Clerk.*

16. Western New York Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Bicrytown, Seneca County, New York, on Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. Dietrich Willers, *President*, and Rev. John B. Kniest, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the several items reported as Irregularities, Requests Nos. 11, 14, 15 and 16, and Items 1, 2, and 3, Synod's Requests to Classes, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on Requests Nos. 1, 8, and 9, see Article XX, Church Government; on Request No. 2, see Article XVIII, Sunday Schools; on Requests Nos. 3, 4, and 13, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; on Requests No. 5, see Article XI, Examination, Licensure and Ordination; on Request No. 6, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on Request No. 7, see Article XIX, Publication; on Request No. 10, see Article XV, Finance; and on Request No. 12, see Article XIV, Missions. The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application for licensure was made in behalf of Messrs. Jacob Pister and Henry R. Nicks. They were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. Application was also made in behalf of the Licentiate Joseph H. Schläppig for ordination, which was referred to the same Committee. To this Committee was also referred the Rev. John Vögelin, from the Basel Mission Institute, who had immigrated to this country at the instance of the committee appointed by the last Synod to open a correspondence with institutions, individuals, &c., in Germany, with a view to the introduction of German ministers into this country.

The Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination report as follows:

The Licentiate Joseph H. Schläppig, after an interview with the Committee, withdrew his application for ordination.

The applicant, Jacob Pister, furnished satisfactory testimonials as to his theological course in the Universities of Tübingen and Erlangen, and submitted to an examination in all the branches taught in our Theological Seminary, as well as in the ancient languages. The result was satisfactory to the Committee. Hence they recommend that he be licensed and placed under the care of the Classis of Maryland.

The Committee examined the testimonials of the Rev. John Vögelin from the Basel Mission Institute, in reference to his course of study and his ordination to the ministry, and find them satifactory. They, therefore, recommend that he be received as a member of the Synod of the German Reformed Church and placed under the care of the Lancaster Classis.

Mr. Henry R. Nicks, one of the present assistant teachers in a Norman School of Pennsylvania, gave the Committee satisfaction as to his moral character and his familiarity with the various studies prescribed by the Constitution. They, therefore, recommend that he be licensed, and placed under the care of the East Pennsylvania Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

DIETRICH WILLERS, *Chairman.*

The officers of Synod were instructed to furnish Messrs. Pister and Nicks with certificates of licensure on their signing the Formula, as prescribed by the Constitution.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, called the attention of Synod to what it conceives to be a conflict between Synod's action of last year in regard to licensure and the 5th article of the Constitution. It was

Resolved, That the action of Synod referred to is not to be so construed as to conflict with the Constitution of the Church.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report. It was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

It is with profound gratitude to God, that your Committee is permitted to report the encouraging and prosperous condition of our beloved Zion, as gathered from the representations of the different Classes within our bounds.

Our Church east of the Alleghanies is fully represented in this body. The Classes of North Carolina and Virginia, separated from their brethren during years of affliction and deep distress, have been permitted, in the good providence of God, to meet with us again, and we extend to them that welcome which is due to brethren of one common faith.

Your Committee has bestowed the usual examination and consideration upon the reports of the state of religion and morals, which have been sent up to us, and we are happy to state, that they contain in them many cheering and encouraging facts.

It is worthy of notice, that during the past year the lives of His servants have been precious in the sight of God. The faithful stewards, the good, watchful shepherds, have been permitted to stand upon the walls of Zion, and continue to be effectual instruments in turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just.

Your Committee has official information of the death of but one of our number. On the opening of our Synodical deliberations, we received the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. Samuel Helfenstein, D.D. He has gone to reap the reward of the labor of many years spent in the service of the Great Head of the Church. One of the patriarchal fathers, after a long life of earnest and faithful efforts in the interest of our beloved Zion—for a number of years the last of his generation, God has at length been pleased to remove him from the sorrows and trials of the Church militant, to the joys and glory of the Church triumphant.

We are solemnly reminded by the death of this, another of the venerable fathers, that the important work of life is for us also rapidly drawing to a close, and that it is highly necessary to be earnest and diligent in laboring for the salvation of souls, and for the up-building of Christ's kingdom. Though conscious of our weakness and imperfections, we heed not that, Almighty God can work as He works in a thousand other places, without the aid of human strength and wisdom. Our Bible tells us that He can take hold of a worm, and enable it to thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and make the hills as chaff. We need a heart to take our weaknesses to our God, and seek our strength in Him.

All the reports refer to the fact, that there is a felt acknowledgment, more marked, perhaps, than in any other period of the history of our Church in this country, that Christ is present in His Church, through the means of grace. By comparing the statistics of the different Classes with those of sister denominations, it will be found, that the number of baptisms, and of additions to the Church by confirmation, is proportionally greater than that of any other sister denomination of equal strength and territory.

The labors of the brethren during the past year have been richly blessed, and many have been brought into the ark of safety, when they have been made to feel the moulding and sanctifying influences of that grace by which souls are saved. Large as are the additions by confirmation, we learn that the injunction of our Saviour, "Feed my lambs," has not been disregarded. The tender little ones have received especial attention, and the several reports bear testimony to the fact that pastors and people have faithfully co-operated in this interesting department of Christian activity. This is essential to the well-being and prosperity of the Church. It is truthfully said, "The young are the hope of the Church." The old fathers, like the leaves of the forest, are rapidly falling into their graves, to make room for others to follow them in the blessed work of building up Christ's kingdom on earth. Would to God that all remembered more that they are knit together into one brotherhood in Christ; that all, people as well as pastors, felt that they had need, one of another, and all had a work to do, to edify the body of Christ; for the obligation of promoting the glory of God is not confined to ministers alone—for this were all men created—this, church members in particular, consecrated as they have been by baptism to God, should promote with their whole hearts, their whole souls, and all their strength. Did Christian parents but remember their duty in this respect, so might our hands be strengthened by one another, and our souls helped forward in their heavenly course. Thus might many more be added to Christ's kingdom.

As a Church, we feel the force and necessity of the Christian sacraments; we regard them to be the presence, and power, and the grace of God in the world. But we are also, for this reason, necessarily educational. While we insist upon the baptism of children—we insist also upon the communication of divine knowledge, upon the careful and thorough instruction of the young, not only in the doctrines, but also in the precepts, in the rules of life and conduct, enjoined upon us by the religion of Christ Jesus. It is important that we should be intelligent Christians, using the grace of God aright;—for we know that the sacraments are also instruments of *death*, instead of life, if they are taken without faith and repentance, or, if the grace received through them, as the golden pipes of the sanctuary, is wasted and turned to no account. The young must be brought to put a solemn and sober estimate on the precious and holy gifts of the Great Head of the Church, that they may, by their means, advance in holiness, and in likeness to the incarnate Son of God.

In this view of the case, we are happy to report an increased interest, and an enlarged activity, in the direction of the catechetical instruction. Most of the reports speak of large numbers of the young being taken from the class into the bosom of the Church. And as touching the propriety and practicability of this mode of religious operation, we have failed to gather from the different Classical reports, that there is any division of sentiment. All agree on this point. It is generally felt that this educational system of religion is in beautiful accord with our system of doctrine and practice—that there is a power in it, to beget a substantial and reliable faith in the "words of eternal life." "My words, they are spirit and they are life." "Sanctify us by the truth; Thy Word, O God, is truth."

There is another feature peculiarly encouraging, which we find on the face of some of the reports; and that is the growing attention which is given to the different Christian festivals, which mark important epochs in the history of our redemption. *Christmas*, which may fitly be called the festival of the Father; for upon that day the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world; *Easter*, which may fitly be styled the festival of the Son; for upon that day He was declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead; *Whit-Sunday*, which is most truly the festival of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, who was upon that day shed abroad from heaven, on the hearts of the waiting disciples, at Jerusalem; *Trinity Sunday*, the crown and consummation of all—weaving these three glories into one glory, proclaiming these three Persons to be but one God. These several festivals are being regarded more and more as holy days, and are regularly observed as such, not only by the ministry, but also by the laity.

All this indicates an intelligent appreciation of the blessings of salvation and of the manner in which this salvation was brought about, and in the renewed observance of these days, the sons and daughters of the present generation are true to the venerated Fathers, who set them this worthy and noble example. How can it be otherwise, but that when the Christian thus contemplates, in regular season, the love of the Father in sending His Son into the world—the love of the Son, as especially manifested in the bitter sufferings and cruel passion of the cross, His power in overcoming death, and rising again, thus to restore righteousness and life to the believer; and how can it but have a happy effect upon the spirit and life of every such Christian?

The reports indicate that our Church is growing in the way of expansion. We are beginning more and more to discover and possess the territory which Providence has opened to us. New congregations have been organized, new churches have been built, and hitherto large and unwieldy charges have been divided, thus increasing the number of charges. In this way, we are endeavoring, in a measure, to atone for the neglect of past years. But alas! while the field enlarges, the number of laborers has not increased in proportion. Many charges, and among these some of the most important in the Church, are

without pastors. Our activity as a Church, in this direction, is not, by any means, commensurate with the extent and importance of the vast field of labor specially committed to our care and cultivation. From many directions, we hear the cry, "Come over and help us." Thousands of brethren, of the same household of faith with ourselves, are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life. How shall we supply them? is an important question. To meet this demand, it is unquestionably necessary, that other institutions, in the shape of parochial and classical schools, should be established, that opportunities, in the way of educational advantages should be increased, that the young might be induced to prepare themselves for the solemnities of the gospel ministry. But we cannot close our eyes to the fact, that the large majority of those upon whom we can depend for our ministry, are from among the poorer and middle classes of society. In many instances, the desire and will may be there, but the means are wanting. These means must be provided by the Church, if we ever expect to accomplish our peculiar mission in the world.

While it affords us pleasure, therefore, to note an improvement in the benevolent operations of our Church—to learn of largely increased contributions for the spread of the gospel, and the establishment of the kingdom of God in the world—we cannot help but feel that there is still much room for improvement. Were our members properly interested in the prosperity of the Church of their own choice, and did they fully appreciate the blessings of grace and salvation, as enjoyed by themselves, there would be no necessity for those constant appeals, made to them in the interest of the different benevolent operations of the Church. Wealth, in unstinted measure, would flow into the different treasuries, and interests which have but a name to live, would spring up into a new life, and the result would be greatly to our prosperity, and to the glory of God. We need system, the system of the apostolical days. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." May the great Head of the Church lead us to see the importance of dedicating not only ourselves, but also our property, to His service and praise.

In conclusion, your Committee feel that we have great reason to be thankful to the Triune God, for the many favors bestowed upon us during the past year. Many souls have been brought to Christ. His kingdom has been enlarged. Let us thank God, take courage, labor earnestly and faithfully in His strength, and to the praise and glory of His grace.

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *Chair'n.*

For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

(1.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

(2.) On the morning of the second day of the sessions, the Rev.

Jacob O. Miller, Cyrus Cort, Samuel H. Reid, Joseph W. Santee and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker and George Cook, were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises. This committee announced the different appointments, from time to time, which were approved.

The Religious Exercises required by a standing rule of Synod were observed on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, in the order proposed by the committee.

They were introduced by the singing of a hymn by the Rev. Thornton Butler, of North Carolina, which was followed with prayer by the Rev. John C. Hensell, of Virginia. Addresses were then delivered by the Rev. Isaac G. Brown, of Mercersburg, Pa., and John W. Ebbinghaus, of Meadville, Pa., the former in the English and the latter in the German language. These addresses both dwelt more or less upon the subject of Christian unity and sympathy, and were appropriate and forcible. They were followed with a German prayer by the Rev. Jacob Sechler.

In connection with these exercises, the Rev. Dietrich Willers made some remarks in reference to the Rev. Dr. Samuel Helffenstein, whose death had been previously announced, in which he paid an affectionate tribute to his memory. An opportunity was also afforded the Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, of which he availed himself, to make some remarks in reference to the operations of the Board of Foreign Missions, in connection with which he read very interesting letters from the Rev. Dr. Henry Blodget of Northern China, and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider of Aintab, Syria.

(3.) The several other appointments made by the committee on Religious Exercises were filled by the persons named.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(a.) *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of the United States.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, was held at Mercersburg, October 4th, 1866. A goodly number of the members were present, and a lively interest manifested in the business claiming the attention of the Board.

The financial condition of the Seminary remains very good, as the Treasurer's account will show.

The Board found it necessary to incur a much larger expense in repairs done to Professor Higbee's house than was anticipated. Owing to a defective foundation, the greater portion of the walls of the front building had to be taken down, and in consequence, much of the old wood-work had to be replaced. With these necessary improvements, the building is now both comfortable and substantial. The prevailing high price of building material and labor added much to the cost of repairs. The whole expense incurred in this way, and for other purposes, after deducting proceeds of old materials sold, was about $2200. On the score of economy, as well as credit and comfort, the dwelling of Dr. Harbaugh, and the Seminary building proper require considerable additional outlay to make them what the Church expect them to be. Of the debts incurred for repairs, $1282.87 has been paid by the Treasurer of the Board. Synod is respectfully requested to make provision for defraying the expenses contemplated in the foregoing recommendations, as well as to meet remaining liabilities already incurred.

At the suggestion of Dr. Schaff, this Board solicits Synod to take action concerning the books placed by him in the Theological Library; either to accept them as a donation of a specified value, or to allow the Dr. to withdraw them from the Library.

This Board urges the propriety of consolidating the funds of the Seminary as much as possible, in order to save trouble in keeping accounts, and to simplify the Treasurer's annual report.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*
GEO. COOK, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of German Reformed Church.

GENTLEMEN:

It affords your Treasurer great pleasure to state, that the finances of the Seminary have continued, during the past year, in a flourishing condition. The income from the invested funds has paid the salaries of the professors, which are now $400 per annum more than formerly, without drawing on the Tercentenary Fund, and left a surplus of $209.42. This, with the balance of last year, amounting to $746, has been expended as ordered by Synod, in making repairs. The Bank dividends have yielded again an unusually large income, though not so large as last year.

The Plainfield Bond principal in the Treasury last year, and $75 more, has been invested; $300 in the Lebanon Bank and $100 in the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Philadelphia.

The income from the Theological Tutorship, after paying the Tutors' Salary, leaves a balance of $27. Of the amount paid this year, $100 has been paid Rev. William M. Reily, for quarter ending October 1, 1864.

The Treasurer has received on the Synodical appointment $89.19.

The Tercentenary Fund amounted last year to $15,653.62. There have been received this year $980.87, which, with the accruing interest, makes the whole amount, after deducting $210.30 paid for premium and accrued interest in making investments $17,570.16.

The Library Fund has been increased $112.50; amounting to $1,350, which has been invested.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary in Account with A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer, from October* 1, 1865, *to October* 1, 1866.

CR.		
By Amount on Plainfield Bonds		$174 50
Dividends and Interest.		
Kieffer Fund,	$570 00	
Keller Fund,	300 00	
Peter Cook Fund,	81 32	
Bank Dividends,	1387 60	
Sundry Investments and Amounts,	291 00	
		2629 92
Principal of Plainfield Bonds.		
Adam Haderman,		25 00
Miscellaneous.		
Balance from last year,		746 00
		3575 42
DR.		
To Cash paid Dr. H. Harbaugh,	$1,200 00	
" " Professor E. E. Higbee,	1,200 00	
" Permanently invested,	50 00	
" Treasurer's Salary	100 00	
" Postage and Stationery,	15 00	
" Insurance and Attorney Fees,	15 00	
" Klopp Legacy	40 00	
" paid on Repairs,	955 42	
		$3,575 42
Synodical Apportionment.		
CR.		
By Cash received,	$89 19	
Balance from last year	584 87	
		$674 06

DR.

To Amount paid Dr Gerhart,		
" On College Note now cancelled,.....	$584 87	
Balance in Treasury,.....	89 19	
		$674 06

Theological Tutorship.

CR.

By Interest on Investments,.....	$560 00	
" Principal Received,.....	500 00	
		$1060 00

DR.

To Salary paid Professor Kerschner,.....	$400 00	
" Interest paid Dr. Schaff,.....	33 00	
" Principal Invested,.....	500 00	
" Paid Rev. William M. Reily,.....	100 00	
Balance in Treasury,.....	27 00	
		$1060 00

Tercentenary Fund.

CR.

By Amount in Treasury,.....		$15,653 62
Received this year,		
Rev. J. E. Hiester, Annville,.....	$ 1 50	
Mr. H. P. Buck and family,.....	2 50	
Charles Santee, Esq.,.....	50 00	
Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Susquehanna Classis,.....	205 47	
Rev. H. Wiegandt,.....do.....do.....	100 00	
Rev. F. J. Mohr,.....do.....do.....	35 00	
Brownback's Church,.....	4 00	
Rev. C. H. Leinbach,.....	3 00	
Fifth Church, Philadelphia,.....	3 50	
Race street Congregation, Philadelphia,.....	24 50	
Mr. D. W. Gross, Harrisburg Congregation,...	551 40	
		980 87
Interest Received this year,.....		935 67
		$17,570 16

DR.

To Amount Invested,.....	$15,653 62	
Premiums and Accrued Interests Paid,.....	210 30	
Balance in Treasury,.....	1,706 24	
		$17,570 16

Library Fund.

CR.

By Amount in Treasury,.....	$1,250 00	
Executor of the Estate of Rev Dr. Gerhart,		
Rev. Isaac Gerhart,.....	100 00	
Rev. S. G. Wagner,.....	12 50	
Interest received,.....	150 00	
		$1,512 50

DR.

To Principal Invested,.....	$1,362 50	
Interest paid Professors,.....	75 00	
Balance in Treasury,.....	75 00	
		$1,512 50

(*b.*) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors organized, after their election at last Synod, by the choice of Rev. T. G. Apple as President, W. E. Krebs, Secretary, and Dr. S. R. Fisher, Treasurer.

They held their annual meeting in Mercersburg on the 15th of May last. All the members were present but two. At this time, the examinations in the Seminary were held. The students of the three classes were examined consecutively in Dogmatics, History of Dogmas, Church History, and Hebrew. Besides these departments, on which alone they were examined, they also diligently pursued the various branches of Practical and Exegetical Theology. The Board has determined to meet hereafter earlier in the week, in order to have time sufficient to examine the students in all the branches pursued during the year. The examinations proved satisfactory. They showed great diligence on the part of the teachers, and application on the part of the taught.

The students have carried on their Theological Society, meeting on every Saturday forenoon for that purpose. Divine Service is held every Sunday, afternoon, in the Seminary Chapel, in which the Professors' families, the Faculty and students of Mercersburg College, and some citizens of town habitually join. Morning and evening prayers are also had every day of the week, besides which, a regular meeting for prayer is kept up by the students themselves every Wednesday evening. Regularity, good order, and Christian deportment have, according to the testimony of the Faculty, characterized their conduct during the entire year.

The number of students in attendance during the year is twenty-three, viz.: Darius W. Gerhard, John A. Hoffheins, J. Spangler Kieffer, Erasmus H. Dieffenbacher, Frederick Pilgram, Joseph H. Schläppig, and Amandus F. Ziegler, of the Senior class; Josiah J. Pennypacker, L. Kryder Evans, Samuel A. Leinbach, John Van Haagen, Andrew J. Bowers, William A. Haas, Lewis D. Steckel, Jeremiah S. Hess, Daniel M. Wolf, and Dewalt S. Fouse, of the Middle class; T. Frank Hoffmeier, S. Schweizer, T. Oliver Stem, C. P. Baker, William Beaver, and H. F. Keener, of the Junior class.

The annual commencement was held in Mercersburg on the evening of the 16th of May last, when the Senior class, having completed the regular course of studies, were dismissed and recommended for Licensure. Messrs. Evans, Van Haagen, and Hess, obtained leave of absence, and went to Europe in the fall of 1865, with the view of continuing their studies in German Universities. Mr. Bowers left with the same view in February, 1866.

Owing to causes beyond their control, the Board, as appointed by the Synod, has not yet inaugurated Rev. Prof. Higbee in the Professorship to which he was elected, and which he now fills. But at their last annual meeting, the Board appointed Rev Thomas G. Apple, Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, and Amos H. Kremer, a committee to attend to that duty. The Board have also succeeded in retaining the services of Jacob B. Kershner, A. M., as Tutor for another year; so that the teaching force of the Seminary is kept up to its usual standard. In view of the continued high prices, and at the earnest recommendation of the Board of Trustees, we respectfully recommend to Synod the increasing of the salaries of the Professors to $1,500 each, and that of the Tutor to $800.

Respectfully submitted.

T. G. APPLE, *President.*
W. E. KREBS, *Secretary.*

Synopsis of Treasurer's Report.

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church in Account with Samuel R. Fisher, *Treasurer.*

CR.

By Balance in Treasury October 21, 1866	$1,580	31
By Cash received from East Pennsylvania Classis	453	00
" " Zion's Classis	234	23
" " Lebanon Classis	79	08
" " Maryland Classis	141	20
" " Philadelphia Classis	711	79
" " Mercersburg Classis	188	75
" " Goshenhoppen Classis	37	00
" " West New York Classis	3	25
" " Lancaster Classis	50	00
" " Clarion Classis	6	75
" " East Susquehanna Classis	120	57
" " West Susquehanna Classis	366	66
" " Miscellaneous	23	00
" " Interest and Dividends	173	90
	$4,169	49

DR.

To Cash paid Beneficiaries of Classis of East Pennsylvania				$475 00
"	"	"	Zion's	120 00
"	"	"	Lebanon	100 00
"	"	"	Philadelphia	945 00
"	"	"	Mercersburg	350 00
"	"	"	Goshenhoppen	87 00
"	"	"	St. Paul's	250 00
"	"	"	West Susquehanna.	366 66
7 3-10 Bond and Interest				525 50
Balance in Treasury				950 33
				$4,169 49

I have examined the Account of the Treasurer with the vouchers and find it correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of nine hundred and fifty dollars and thirty-three cents.

New York, October 20, 1866. JACOB HASSLER.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom was referred the foregoing reports, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would beg leave to offer the following report:

1. *The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.*

From this report we learn, that the regular meeting of the Board was attended by a goodly number of members, who manifested a lively interest in the business claiming their attention.

Last year the Synod directed the Board to make repairs on Prof. Higbee's house, to the amount of $1,000. It seems, however, from this report, that a much larger amount than this was necessary, and was expended on these repairs. Owing to the defective foundation, and the bad condition of the wood work of the front of the building, the whole of the front had to be taken out and rebuilt. This work, together with some other repairs, cost $2,200. Of this amount about $1,200 have been paid, leaving about $1,000 still unpaid, for which the Synod is asked to make provision, and also for some repairs which ought yet to be made, both on the score of credit and of economy, on Dr. Harbaugh's house and the Seminary building.

The Synod is also requested by the Board to take action concerning the books placed by Dr. Schaff in the Theological Library; either to accept them as a donation of a specified value, or to allow him to withdraw them from the Library.

The question of the consolidation of the funds of the Seminary into one general fund, so as to lessen the labors and simplify the accounts and reports of the Treasurer, is also urged by the Board upon the consideration of Synod.

The Treasurer's report represents the finances of the Seminary as being in a sound and flourishing condition. During the year $400 were realized on Plainfield bonds, which amount was reinvested in Bank stocks.

In view of the foregoing statements and requests, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be instructed to pay the balance still due on repairs made on Prof. Higbee's house from the current funds of the Seminary.

2. That the same Board be also instructed for the present, to make only the most necessary repairs on Dr. Harbaugh's house and the Seminary building.

3. That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be, and he is hereby directed to pay Rev. Dr. Schaff $300 for books over and above his Tercentenary donation of about 800 volumes to the Library of the Theological Seminary.

4. That the question of consolidation of the funds of the Theological Seminary, be postponed till the next Synod, and that the Board be requested to inquire, in the mean time, into the legality of consolidating the respective funds.

2. *The Report of the Board of Visitors.*

From this report we learn, that this Board has faithfully discharged its duties during the past year. It attended upon the examination of the students, which they report as having been satisfactory to them, both in respect of students and Professors.

The number of students in the Seminary during the year is twenty-three, of whom four went to Europe, with the view of pfosecuting their studies in German Universities, at their own expense.

This Board also report, that they were prevented, by causes beyond their control, from inaugurating Rev. Prof. Higbee into the Professorship, to which he was elected by the Synod of last year, which they were directed to attend to by this Synod. Arrangements, however, have been made to have this matter attended to in a short time.

This Board also report, that they have succeeded in retaining the services of Licentiate Jacob B. Kershner, A. M., as Tutor for another year.

In view of the continued high prices, and at the earnest recommendation of the Board of Trustees, this Board also recommend to Synod the increase of the salaries of the Professors, and of the Tutor of the Seminary.

This Board has also under its care the cause of Beneficiary Education. The Treasurer of this fund reports that its finances are in a good condition. During the year $500 were invested, and there is still a balance of $950.39 in the treasury.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the action of the Board, whereby it succeeded in retaining the services of the present Tutor for another year, be approved.

2. That the salary of the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh be raised to $1,500, that of Prof. E. Higbee to $1,300, and that of the Tutor to $600.

3. That the cause of Beneficiary education be earnestly recommended to the several Classes, so that the contributions to this worthy object may be largely increased.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BECK, *Chairman.*

In connection with the action of Synod on this report, the action of the last annual Synod, consolidating the Tercentary and Theological Tutorship Funds, as requested by the New York Classis, was reconsidered. The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That the Tutorship Scheme be revived and carried out in good faith.

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors be requested to make a nomination for a Travelling Tutor to the Synod at its next annual sessions.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following persons were chosen members of the Boards of Trustees, and Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

Board of Trustees.—George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, Stephen B. Kieffer, John W. Coon, John Mc Dowell, William Heyser, John Zeller, Samuel B. Snively, David M. Martin, and David C. Hammond.

Board of Visitors,.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, Jacob Hassler, Thomas G. Apple, Joseph W. Santee, Benjamin Bausman, Isaac G. Brown, Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, Walter E. Krebs, Peter S. Davis, and William Goodrich.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report was received from the committee to conduct the suit against the estate of Ex-Sheriff Duncan, of York county, Pa., and adopted:

The committee to prosecute the suit against the heirs of Ex-sheriff, of York Co., report,

That they have concluded their labors,—that the suit is settled,—and your committee hold, as the result of Synod's claim in the case, one thousand dollars ($1.000), which is now at the disposal of the Synod.

Your committee would suggest, that this amount be paid over to the Treasurer of the Mayer Fund, for increasing the Theological Library. And then that said Treasurer be directed to pay over what he now has, together with the $1,000, to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, to be used for the purpose of purchasing a Patristic Library.

Further, your committee suggest that the Stated Clerk, by letter, return the sincere thanks of this Synod to John L. Mayer, Esq., and

other counsel of York, for their generous kindness in attending to said suit for many years—to its happy conclusion—without any charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, for his persevering and efficient labors in bringing the Library suit to a successful termination.

Resolved, That the purchase of the Patristic Library provided for in the report of the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, be referred to the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, and that a vote of thanks be tendered to him for his generous offer to make up the deficit there may be in the funds to cover the cost of such purchase.

The Treasurer of the "Mayer Fund" submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Treasurer of the Mayer Fund, to increase the Theological Library, reports as follows:

Amount reported at the Synod of Frederick,	$28.00
Received Interests,	11.04
From other sources,	40.00
Respectfully submitted,	$79.04

J. O. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last annual sessions, to open a correspondence with individuals, institutions, &c., in Germany and Switzerland, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod at Lewisburg, Pa., 1865, to correspond with individuals, institutions, and ecclesiastical bodies in Germany and Switzerland, in order to procure pious young men of the Reformed faith to labor in the ministry among the Germans in America, in the service of the German Reformed Church, respectfully report as follows:

The committee held two meetings during the year; one during the sessions of Synod at Lewisburg, when the Rev. E. V. Gerhart was appointed Chairman, and the Rev. John Kuelling Secretary, and the work of correspondence was distributed among the different members; and the other on the 13th of April, in the city of Philadelphia.

Agreeably to a resolution of the committee, the Chairman and Secretary met and adopted a *basis* of correspondence, which was afterwards submitted and agreed to by the other members. This basis includes the following particulars:

1. The Synod desires young men from pious families, of respectable standing; of good natural parts; of decidedly Christian character; and of the Reformed faith, who are willing to devote themselves to the work of the ministry in the German Reformed Church in America.

2. Young men who have at least a good common education; and, if possible, such as have read Latin and Greek as far as Virgil and Xenophon.

3. These young men are to complete their preparation for the ministry in the Theological Seminary, or the College and Seminary in this country; and, whenever practicable, to pursue the regular course of study in both Institutions.

The committee agreed also to solicit conferences and societies in Europe to assist this Synod, by collecting and remitting funds for the purpose of supporting these young men while pursuing their classical and theological studies.

On this basis the committee has opened correspondence with St. Chrischona and the Mission House at Basel, with the Church in Wupperthal, and the Pastoral Conferences in Germany and Switzerland.

The committee has received replies from ministers and Institutions, manifesting a lively interest in the progress of our missionary work among the foreign Germans in America, and a readiness to co-operate with us, particularly by selecting and sending young men of approved character; but they have not been able, during the past year, to come to our aid to the extent that we had expected. One young man, who completed the course of study in the Mission House at Basel, and is ordained, arrived a few weeks ago. His name is John Voegelin. The committee has advised him to enter the Seminary for six months, in order to become somewhat acquainted with American life before entering upon the active duties of the ministry. Synod is requested to examine his credentials, and place him under the care of some Classis.

It is respectfully recommended to Synod to continue this correspondence, as we believe it will, without doubt, result in securing an accession of efficient men to the ranks of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Voegelin referred to in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.

The committee appointed at the special meeting held in Philadelphia, on April last, to correspond with the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff in reference to his resuming his connection with the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, submitted the following report:

The committee appointed by the late Special Synod in Philadelphia to correspond with the REV. DR. SCHAFF on the subject of his nomination for re-election to the Second Professorship of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, respectfully report,

That they have attended to this duty, but regret that DR. SCHAFF, after long and serious consideration, has felt himself constrained to decline the overture in the form in which it has been presented to his

attention. He cannot see how he could properly leave his present field of usefulness, for an appointment that would bind him permanently to Mercersburg. "I might perhaps," he says, "retain my residence in New York, and spend two or three months every year in the Seminary; and I would seriously entertain such a proposition if the way were open for it. But I have no idea that Synod would be satisfied with a mere lectureship, nor would it be justifiable in me to hold out inducements of a future acceptance of a full call, depending on the execution of plans of consolidation now entertained, which would probably remove the causes that induced me to withdraw from my professorship. In view of these considerations, I think it best to decline being a candidate for re-election at the next Synod. I do this reluctantly; for my heart is just as much attracted to my former work, and my friends in the German Reformed Church, as ever, and I would gladly make some sacrifices to be nearer them, and to co-operate with them, if I could feel it my duty to do so. But, for the present, my duty is plainly here."

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and together with the action of the Synod at its last annual sessions in reference to filling the vacant German Professorship, referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, Franklin W. Kremer, George W. Aughinbaugh, and Elders John Wiest and Joseph Laubach. This committee submitted the following report:

The Committee on the German Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, having ascertained from the report of the Committee of the Special Synod in Philadelphia, that Dr. Schaff has declined a re-election at this time, and that our German brethren would prefer a professor of thorough German University training and established reputation for theological scholarship, respectfully suggest, as the safest way to secure this end, the propriety of sending a delegation to Germany, with instructions to secure the best candidate or candidates for the election of Synod at its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP SCHAFF, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and after some discussion, the consideration of it was postponed until the next annual meeting. It was also

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Seminary be authorized to make temporary provision for the German Theological Professorship during the present Synodical Year. It was further

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the records of Synod, and ascertain which Professorship was intended to be regarded as the German Professorship, to report at the next annual meeting of Synod. The Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Jacob O. Miller, William K. Zieber, and Elders George Cook and David Eschbach, constitute this committee.

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to adopt measures, to have all delinquent beneficiaries refund, as soon as possible, the funds received by them from the Board of Education. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to adopt efficient measures to secure the reimbursement of moneys appropriated to such beneficiaries, no longer under the care of the Board, as are not engaged in the active duties of the ministry in our Church.

The same Classis, as reported by the same Committee, also requested Synod to take measures to require all beneficiaries to conform to all the rules and regulations that have been or may be adopted by the Board of Education, and the different Classes, and that Synod revise its entire system of Beneficiary Education. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the different Classes be requested to exercise greater watchfulness over the beneficiaries of their own selection, and that the Board of Beneficiary Education be requested to enforce its rules strictly.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following statement was received from the President of the Board of Home Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:—With the return of the season of your annual sessions, the Eastern members of the "Board of Home Missions" feel themselves impelled by the force of the pleasant though laborious usage of past years, to render to your Rev. body the customary report of their operations. *Personally* the same as under the previous organization, they find it difficult to realize that their former *official* relations to the Parent Synod of the Church and Board have been changed, since your last meeting. It is gratifying to them, also, to believe, that you will fully reciprocate these feelings.

Although, therefore, the formal character of our present communication will necessarily differ from that of the regular reports heretofore rendered, we ask the privilege, in the name of the General Board as it is now constituted, of continuing in this informal manner our correspondence with your Rev. body, of recognizing your claim to a stated account of our proceedings and condition, and of being still recognized by you as entitled to your parental solicitude and fostering care.

First of all, we beg leave to report, that, in accordance with the instructions and the authority given by the Synod of Lewisburg, the union of the Eastern and Western Boards of Domestic Missions was consummated in the city of Philadelphia during the latter part of the month of November, 1865. At the same time, all the documents and assets of your Board were duly transferred to the new organization, and such alterations were made in the Constitution as the change of organization demanded.

The new Board adopted as its title, "The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church."

By the act of consolidation the number of Missions brought under the care of the General Board was not very largely increased, the larger portion having belonged previously to the particular Board of your Synod. At your last meeting *fifty-two* missions were reported as connected with the Eastern Board. By the union of the two Boards *fifteen* were added to this number. Since the union *fourteen* new missions have been assumed. During the same period *ten* have become self-sustaining charges, or for reasons deemed sufficient, have been suspended. Among the former are Louisville, Ky., Appleton, Wisconsin, and Schuylkill Haven, Pa. There are consequently *seventy-one* missions under our care at the present time. But if our means permitted it, this number might and should be greatly increased at once. In the far West many inviting fields are waiting for our help, and should be occupied without delay. Kansas City, Omaha, Council Bluffs, and numerous other flourishing towns, rapidly growing into large centres of moral influence, are reaching out their hands towards us, and imploring spiritual assistance, as well as presenting points where congregations might be speedily organized, and by assuming which, we could greatly extend our borders, and serve the interests of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the department of "Church Extension," more has been done by the Board during the past year, than ever before. We are compelled to add, however, that it has been done under greater pecuniary embarrassments than were ever previously experienced by the Executive Committee. From the fact of the existence of such a department in our general operations, many needy congregations, and indeed, some which might probably have the means of building their own church edifices, appear to have assumed that abundant funds must be at our command to enable us to respond favorably to every appeal. Unhappily, the accompanying statement of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund will show, that whilst the scheme contemplates extensive operations, the means actually at our command have been exceedingly limited. Even the amount demanded by special obligations laid upon the Board by Synodical pledges has not been half realized. And we respectfully beg the particular attention of your Rev. body to facts connected with this point, as set forth in the report to which reference has just been made.

Attention must also be asked to a similar discrepancy between the contributions actually received for the general work of the Board, and the sum proposed by the Synod of Lewisburg, as the lowest mark of our efforts in the Eastern section of our Church during the year now closed. For facts bearing upon this point you are respectfully referred to the accompanying statement of the Treasurer of the Board.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Synod, seconded by your Rev. body last year, the Rev. L. D. Leberman was appointed a General Agent of the Board, under the title of Corresponding Secretary. His duties require him to visit the churches, present the claims of our work, endeavor to increase or awaken an interest in the cause, and to obtain contributions in its behalf. Brother Leberman has been zealously prosecuting these duties since April 1, of the present year. His efforts thus far have been chiefly confined to the limits of Lebanon and East Pennsylvania Classes, and have been attended with very encouraging success. We have no doubt that this Synod will cordially commend his work, and aid him with its favor and co-operation.

The General Board begs leave, also, to request you to renew your recommendation to the several Classes within your limits, to appoint standing committees on Missions, to superintend the work and further the interests of the cause within their respective bounds, and form links of vital and active union between the Church and the Board.

At the Synod of Lewisburg an afternoon was devoted to the special consideration of our work, and the hours given to this object were regarded as among the most pleasant and edifying of its sessions. The Board would respectfully ask that provision be make during this Synod for a similar service, in addition to the evening usually allotted to anniversary exercises.

We cannot close this statement without expressing our sincere and devout gratitude to the Lord for the great favor He has been pleased to bestow upon our labors and efforts in this important department of church beneficence and enterprise. New congregations are annually being organized where none previously existed. Many long neglected and spiritually destitute are again being gathered, provided with the stated means of grace, and edified. Feeble flocks are cheered, fortified, and placed in a condition of prosperity. Church edifices are reared, and the people thus furnished with needful accommodations, for conducting public worship. To the poor the Gospel is preached, and many are continually added to the Lord.

Never had a Church greater reason for thanksgiving and encouragement in the prosecution of such a work.

Sometimes, indeed, we are oppressed and disheartened by the ever expanding vastness of the field, and ever increasing number of demands for help. Our faith, also, is put to the test by the fact, that the means furnished for carrying on our work prove so wholly inadequate to our wants, and especially that the hopes excited by pledges and promises made officially, are so sadly disappointed. But then we re-

member how very much more the Church is doing now than in former years, and that the promise of the Lord is with us. Thus hope revives and we hold on vigorously on our way.

We desire, in conclusion, to return our thanks, in the name of the cause, to this Synod, for the aid extended during the past year, and to bespeak for it such renewed action and increased favor for the future.

In the name of Him who said, "Go first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," we lay this work upon your hearts, and desire ever to remain, Respectfully Yours,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER,
President of the B. H. M.

The following is a summary of the receipts during the year, for Home Missions and Church Extension:

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Received during the year closing October 17, 1866.

From the Classis of	East Pennsylvania, Eastern Synod....	$1,029 55
"	Lebanon	601 12
"	Zion	692 67
"	Maryland	370 75
"	Philadelphia	1,540 81
"	Mercersburg	1,167 28
"	Goshenhoppen	868 55
"	Lancaster	297 00
"	New York	118 50
"	Virginia	18 00
"	St. Paul's	50 00
"	East Susquehanna	228 05
"	West Susquehanna	325 35
"	West New York	15 00
"	St. Joseph's, Western Synod	33 00
"	St. John's, "	21 50
"	Indiana, "	74 00
"	Miami, "	5 00
"	Tiffin, "	2 00
	General Contributions	47 20
	Coupon of United States Bond	7 30
	Balance from last year	35 76
	Total Receipts	$7,548 39
	Excess of Expenditure	2, 542 28
		$10,090 67

Expended.

Paid to Chicago Mission	$3,486 93
" Milwaukie "	2,500 00
Miscellaneous	4,103 74
	$10,090 67

HOME MISSIONS.

Amount received from October 18, 1865, to October 16, 1866.

Classis of East Pennsylvania	$1,397 42
" Lebanon	2,269 96
" Zion	445 59
" Maryland	401 85
" Philadelphia	2,150 14
" Mercersburg	358 21
" Goshenhoppen	928 10
" New York	42 50
" Western New York	57 92
" Lancaster	273 42
" East Susquehanna	236 18
" West Susquehanna	373 82
" Clarion	14 80
" Synod of Ohio from November 24, 1865	1,447 17
" Westmoreland	165 50
" Sheboygan	50 36
" Iowa	30 00
" Illinois	65 00
" Indiana	24 20
" Miscellaneous	1,429 42
Total received	$12,161 56

The following statement was received from the President of the Board of Foreign Missions and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church, now in session at York, Pa.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As the amended Constitution of our Church commits the work of Missions, Foreign and Domestic, to the General Synod, and as no election for a Board of Foreign Missions was held at your last annual meeting, the members of the Board, holding their appointment exclusively from the General Synod, were not sure in their own minds that you would expect a report from them. They have indeed nothing to report of actual effort in the prosecution of their work. The resolution of Synod requesting the General Synod to suspend the appropriation of the Foreign Mis-

sion funds until we had a Mission of our own to support, and the appeal made "through the Classes to the membership for larger contributions," scarcely left them at liberty to act in any direction in support of the cause, until the questions involved were settled by the Judicatory, to which they were referred. They accordingly had no meeting during the year, and suffered things to take their course.

But although they have no proceedings to report, they think it well to submit such facts and information as have come to their knowledge in the course of the year, hoping they may be of service in determining the interesting question, still pending and undecided in the minds of our people as to whether we, as a denomination, should undertake the establishment of a separate mission in the Foreign field. It is well known that thus far we have been content to act as an auxiliary to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in the support of the Rev. Dr. Schneider, a minister of our Church, as a missionary, for many years at Broosa, in Asia Minor, and afterwards at Aintab. This has been the case since the formation of our society, and we had our reward in the distinguished success which has attended his faithful labors. It is thought, however, by many of our ministers and people, that the time is at hand when the German Reformed Church should fulfil her part in the evangelization of the world, upon her own responsibility, and in an independent way. At first it was proposed by some to procure a transfer of the Aintab station and dependencies, with the Missionaries and native pastors to our Board, to be organized as a Classis in connection with our Synod. Some unofficial preliminary correspondence was had upon the subject, but it was soon ascertained that there were difficulties in the way not easily surmounted. In the first place, to say nothing of the indelicacy of asking the American Board to relinquish the control of a prosperous mission established at a great expense of time and labor, and to transfer the property belonging to it—its church edifices, Seminary buildings, schoolhouses, &c.—to a society that had every thing to learn in the management of missionary enterprises, and whose means of supporting them were somewhat doubtful, it was by no means certain that Dr. Schneider and his colleagues would consent to such an arrangement. Upon this point, however, we were not long left in doubt. The general question was discussed at a regular meeting of the Missionaries connected with the mission, and it was the decided opinion of all present, that it would not be expedient to change their existing relations, nor to form any connection with a foreign ecclesiastical organization, that would involve their submission to its authority. The condition of things generally, in the Eastern and Western hemispheres, was too widely different to admit of such a relation.

There were those also, who, in view of these difficulties in the way of a transfer of the station, and the organization of a Classis in connection with our Synod, thought that a new mission, under the auspices of our Board, might be started in that region, with Dr. Schneider at its head, and that missionaries, educated in our Institutions,

and imbued with their spirit, might be employed as his assistants. But there were difficulties also in the way of this project. There was no field of promise to be occupied in all that region, that would not interfere with some established mission, and it is an acknowledged principle in evangelical operations since the days of St. Paul, "to preach the Gospel not where Christ is named, lest we build upon another man's foundation." This settled the question as to a mission in any region easily accessible to us, and it only remains for us to decide whether we will now go forward and establish an independent mission in some more remote quarter of the world, or abandon the foreign field and confine ourselves to missionary operations at home, where some think there is room and need for the employment of all our resources.

Fortunately for them in this connection, the Board have it in their power to invite the attention of Synod to a communication from the Rev. Henry Blodget, D. D., a Missionary of the American Board, now a resident at Pekin, dated October 23d, 1865, from which it appears, "that a door is open to us of the Lord to preach the Gospel to the heathen, if we are prepared to enter." The writer's heart is in his work, and he evidently understands that of which he speaks. His communication is well worthy of attentive consideration, and is addressed:

To the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, at Harrisburg, Pa.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: The reason of my writing to you will appear in the statements which follow:

In the providence of God, I was brought to this northern part of China, five years since, just before the battle of Takoo. At that time this whole region was thrown open to western influence and western trade, while an article providing for the toleration and spread of Christianity was introduced into the several treaties. Three ports of trade were opened upon the borders of the Gulf of Chili: one of them Tunghan, or Chefoo in Shantung, another Tunstin, in the Province of Chili, and the third Niewchwang in Manchuria. At Chefoo there are at present three missionaries. At Tunstin there are four English and two American Missionaries. Pekin is also occupied by ten laborers of various societies. Niewchwang alone remains unoccupied, and I know of no one who intends to go there in the future.

The American Board are unable to enter this field. They have too much work upon their hands. Years ago, I wrote to the "American Missionary Association," representing its importance, and urging them to undertake its culture. The providence of God has turned their attention largely to the blacks of our own country, and they cannot engage in this labor. The American Methodist Church also has been mentioned in connection with this field. They have one mission in China, but do not seem disposed to plant another at the present time. Thus Niewchwang still remains unoccupied after a period of five years,

with no prospect of laborers. In reading over the list of donations in the Missionary Herald, I noticed the sum from the body of which you are the Secretary, and resolved at once to write to you, presenting the wants of this field, and inviting you to present its claims to the churches with which you stand connected. May God move their hearts to enter in with much prayer, and an earnest spirit, to reap there a great harvest of souls for His kingdom.

The port of Niewchwang, which signifies "meat for cattle," is situated on the Lion river, thirty-eight miles from its mouth. This river enters into the northern part of the Gulf of Chili. Niewchwang is not in China proper, but in Manchuria, from which country came the reigning dynasty of China. It is the key to all the region northeast of China, as far as the Arrioair river and Russian Possessions. This section of country, and its location, is the New England of Asia. The populous kingdom of Corea is not distant, and will soon be waiting for Missionaries of the Gospek Roman Catholics are already in these fields, but to Protestant Missions they are yet unoccupied ground. The language of Monkden, the capital of Manchuria, is distant from Niewchwang but one hundred and forty miles. That city has frequently been visited by foreigners, who in fact have travelled by passport, according to the treaties, very extensive in all that region. The people in the Southern portion of Manchuria are mostly Chinese emigrants from the Province of Shantung, who passed over from the southern shore of the Gulf of Chili. The whole country is overrun by Chinese, and the language is every where spoken. The customs of the people, and their religion, are all Chinese. The country is densely populated, and offers a field of labor as extensive as heart could wish.

The climate, though cold, is very fine, probably surpassed by that of very few places in any part of the world. During eight months of the year there is scarcely any rain. The soil is fertile, and produces great abundance of every thing for the sustenance of life. A foreign community, with American, English, and French Consuls, is located at Niewchwang. This forms an excellent base for missionary labors. The Chinese city contains about seventy thousand inhabitants. Missionary families could reside with safety at Niewchwang. A missionary going to that post would naturally stop at Chefoo in Shantung, which is two hundred miles south of it, where he would learn much from the missionary brethren there respecting his work, and the manner of its commencement. Among the Missionaries at Chefoo, is one from the American Presbyterian Board, who would give him a cordial welcome, and afford every assistance in his power. If married men were sent out to commence a mission there, they would naturally leave their families at Chefoo, and go first to Niewchwang to find a residence for them. This done they would return and take them to their home. The salary of Missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M., in this region, is $800 for a family. Rent, teachers, and medical aid, are provided in addition to this. Of course this sum is paid in silver.

They should be sent in the winter or early spring, that then they might reach their destination and get settled before the port is closed by ice in the fall.

Many churches commencing foreign missions have been disappointed at being called upon to make so great an outlay for houses, chapels, travelling, &c., and have given up in despair, and the whole work has been abandoned by them. Thus it was with the French Protestant Mission in China. Thus it was with a mission to Shanghai, from the Church in Holland, and with another from the Churches in Prussia. Their hearts failed them at the difficulties of the work. The cost should be counted, and churches should enter upon this work in a spirit of self-sacrifice and dependence upon God, resolved by His blessing to overcome all obstacles, and succeed at whatever cost of treasure or life. The cause is worth our most strenuous efforts, nay life itself. And the error of Churches is to send to places where other societies are located, and where they may find it difficult to obtain a foothold.

The field to which I invite *your* attention, is virgin soil. It will be yours to sow in tears, it may be, and reap in joy when the harvest comes. It is large enough also to engage the most vigorous exertions, and the most generous plans of Christian benevolence. The men first sent are of great importance. They should be the *right men, called* of God, wholly devoted to their work—men of great patience, prudence, and of unconquerable perseverance—men wise to win souls and satisfied with nothing short of this—nothing should discourage them, the everlasting Lord being their strength, and their Almighty Saviour present with them, by what could they be moved?

I write no more. This subject is commended to you, and to the churches which have chosen you as their minister in this foreign service. May God move your hearts to pity the millions of China, and join with other branches of His Church in striving to obey the Redeemer's last command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." In the bonds of Christian love, very respectfully,

And truly yours,

HENRY BLODGET.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *Aug.* 30, 1866.

Rev. B. C. WOLFF, D. D., *President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church.*

MY DEAR BROTHER:—In giving you an account of our work during the past year, I must date from the Capital of the Empire. At the last meeting of our Mission, I was appointed delegate to the Mission to Western Turkey, whose annual meeting was held in this city. As I was here where all the printing for our Mission is done, and as we are in much need of certain books, I was instructed to remain a few months and carry these books through the press. They are the follow-

ing, viz.: An arithmetic, which I have translated; a grammar of the Modern Armeno-Turkish; a new edition of our Hymn Book, and some cards for the use of small children learning to read. With this work I have been occupied for the last few months, and hope to complete it by the middle of October, when Mrs. S. and myself will turn our faces toward Aintab again. Besides this work I also preach on the Sabbath and hold three Bible classes, two on the Sabbath and one during the week. As the climate of Constantinople is much cooler than that of Aintab, which very much prostrates Mrs. S. by its great summer heat, our temporary residence here has been all the more acceptable.

As you have already been informed, we spent three-and-a half months of the year in Aduna, near Tarsus. The work there has made gratifying though not very rapid progress. The native pastor has labored faithfully and proved himself a valuable laborer. As we were on the point of leaving for Aintab a house was purchased for a chapel, of which there was very much need. The premises have since been repaired, and a very pleasant, airy and convenient house of worship has been erected; one large enough to accommodate them for some years to come. In the present and prospective wants of the work there, this has been a most important step. A very liberal share of the expenses was contributed by the people themselves, the remainder being furnished by the Mission.

Another cheering effect of the winter's residence in Adana, has been the occupancy of Haagin as an out station. It may be remembered that the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Coffing, who made an attempt several years since, to station themselves there, were forcibly and violently expelled from the place, with the loss of many of their effects. Since then that mountainous region has been reduced to subjection to the Turkish authorities. The way being thus apparently prepared for the entrance of the gospel, after a few days exploration of the ground, it was concluded to send a laborer thither. He has now been there about three months and no attempts to expel him have been made. Though none of the inhabitants have as yet declared themselves protestants, our native laborer there has free intercourse with many, and a goodly number of them are favorably inclined towards the truth, and a number of copies of the Bible have been circulated. From previous experience as well as the promises of God's word, there is every reason to believe, that among those 12,000 Armenians, the gospel is to achieve some triumphs; and towards this cheering result the first steps have there been taken.

In Tarsus, the birth-place of the great apostle to the gentiles, the work is yet small; but we hope for future progress.

I am sorry to be obliged to report, that we have not yet been able to build our second church in Aintab. This has been a sad disappointment to us and the people. The new church have been obliged to worship in a most uncomfortable place during the great heat of the summer. The only reason is the continued hostility of the Turkish authorities. Were they so disposed, they could furnish us the neces-

sary papers any day. But they have hitherto chosen to frustrate and thwart us in all our plans. As God has a church there, absolutely needing a place of worship, we are confident that the necessary permission will be forthcoming in due time, notwithstanding Mahommedan bigotry. We, therefore, persevere in our efforts, assured that they will be successful in the end. But in any case, we cannot commence building before next spring.

Nothing of a special character has marked the year in Aintab, things having moved on much in their usual way. There have been additions to the Church and community; and a few of these have been persons of more than ordinary standing in the community.

The division of one large protestant body into two churches and communities has proved a wise measure. It has developed an increased activity in them both, and led them to feel more deeply their responsibility to support their own institutions. The only thing necessary to render this movement complete is the erection of a church edifice.

The Sabbath-School continues much the same as in previous years. The lessons to the different ages and classes are listened to with the same interest, and their contributions have been even larger this year, than in previous ones, those of the ordinary character being $114.89, and the extraordinary $161.50; the whole amounting to $286.39 *in gold*. This sum has been gathered by the systematic plan practiced in the school.

The total of contributions for various objects is as follows:

By the Sunday School for different objects, in gold,		$286.39
" Monthly Concert,	"	90.66
To the Poor,	"	136.56
Support of School,	"	200 96
Toward support of Pastors,	"	246.70
Total,		$961.27

This is a little more than their ordinary taxes to the Government.

As the Female Boarding School of the whole Mission is located in Aintab, a site has been purchased, and a suitable house is being erected for the use of the school. Much opposition has been made to the erection of the house by some Musselman neighbors; but hitherto it has not been able to effect its object, and we believe it will not be. The expenses of this house will be about $3,000, and has been furnished by the American Board. An assistant female teacher has recently arrived from America. The school is highly important in raising up educated and pious companions to our native helpers, and in elevating the standard of female education in the country.

A church of six members has been formed at the out-station of Jibbin, near the Euphrates, where there is a congregation of about fifty persons. At Aebey, an out-station, near Killis, there have been additions to the community, and considerable interest among the people. Materials for a small church exist; and as soon as we can command

the necessary time for a visit to the place, a church may be formed there also. In Aleppo and Killis, both which places are under the supervision of Aintab, the work has made pleasing and steady progress.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Adams, new Missionaries from America, are stationed at Aintab for the present.

This, briefly, is the condition of our work. There is enough to show that there has been progress, and we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage.

Affectionately yours,

B. SCHNEIDER.

With these communications, so interesting in themselves, most respectfully submitted to the consideration of Synod, the Board of Foreign Missions conclude their report, earnestly praying that in all their deliberatious upon the momentous issues before them, they may be guided by the spirit of wisdom and a sound understanding imparted to them from on high.

From the synopsis of the Treasurer's account, accompanying this report, it appears that the receipts during the year, ending this day, amount to $716.93; something more than one fifth of the sums contributed during the previous year.

By order of the Board.

BERNARD C. WOLFF, *President.*

RECEIPTS.

From the Classis of	East Penna. Eastern Synod,	$22.80
" "	Lebanon,	115.34
" "	Zion,	20.00
" "	Maryland,	106.59
" "	Philadelphia,	86.85
" "	Lancaster,	98.00
" "	Clarion,	4.60
" "	East Susquehanna,	43.50
" "	West "	41.60
" "	West New York,	9.25
" "	Miami, Western Synod,	60.25
" "	St. John's	71.00
" "	Lancaster,	1.00
" "	Sheboygan,	2.00
" "	Heidelberg,	19.00
" "	Erie,	2.50
Miscellaneous,		9.00
Interest on Government Bonds,		3.65
Balance in Treasury last year		108.72
		$825.65

The subject of Missions was made the order of the day at the opening of the session of the afternoon of the third day of the sessions. At the time appointed it was taken up. The following resolutions were offered and fully discussed, and then referred to the Committee on Missions:

Resolved, That this Synod most earnestly renews its recommendation of the cause of Home Missions, including the department of Church Extension, to the increased interest, sympathy, and co-operation of every Pastor and Congregation within our bounds.

Resolved, That, as a more effective means of awakening a general interest in the cause of Missions, the appointment of a Special Committee on Missions, or of two such committees in each congregation, whose duty it shall be, under the Pastor and Consistory, to attend to the regular gathering of quarterly or annual contributions to the cause, be recommended to the several congregations connected with this Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod, being deeply impressed with the importance of increasing our contributions for Home Missions, earnestly recommends to all the Sunday-Schools within our bounds, to devote all their contributions to the cause of Home Missions.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing statements and resolutions were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up, item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Missions respectfully report as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The increased operations and services of the past year give great cause for devout gratitude, and also present motives to greater efforts; for each successful move has only opened up wider the field of labor to the view of the Church.

In accordance with the resolution of the General Synod, the Boards of Home Missions of the two Synods have been consolidated; and although the new Board is not directly under the care of this Synod, yet this in no degree diminishes the satisfaction of this Synod in reviewing the Reports on Missions. The Board, as appears, have entered energetically on the work put into their hands. *Fourteen new* missions have been taken under its care. Ten of the missions have become self-sustaining during the year. There are now seventy-one missions sustained by the Board. The amount donated by the Synod is only $8,949 91, less than half the sum proposed to be raised by it at Lewisburg.

There has been contributed by the Synod, during the year, in addition, $6,532 55 for the purpose of aiding feeble churches in the erection of houses of worship. The importance of this work cannot

well be overrated, and it would inflict a great wrong on the cause of Home Missions, were it allowed to languish.

In view of these facts, the following resolutions are offered:

Resolved, 1. That it is cause for great humiliation, that our Church has so far fallen short of realizing her own estimate of the amount due to the work of Home Missions.

2. That *this* Synod most earnestly renews its recommendation of this cause, including the department of Church Extension, to the increased interest, sympathy, and co-operation of *every* Pastor and congregation within our bounds.

3. That, as a more effective means of awakening general interest in the cause of Missions, this Synod renews the recommendation that each of the Classes appoint a Committee on Missions to co-operate with the Board, and it be enjoined on the several congregations connected with this Synod, to appoint one or more special committees in each congregation, whose duty it shall be, under the Pastor and Consistory, to attend to the regular getting of quarterly or annual contributions to this fund; and that the committee of the several Classes carry out this plan.

4. That it be enjoined on Pastors to give special attention to the training of their catechumens and Sabath-School scholars, in habits of self denial and liberality for the cause of Christ.

5. That inasmuch as the fields in Virginia and North Carolina present to the Church at present, special claims, we acknowledge ourselves called upon to make the needs of these fields special cases, and that we now immediately take pledges with a view of raising at least $2,500 to be expended in those fields.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of this Board is deeply and painfully interesting. It was well to have the letter of Dr. Blodget, calling the attention of the Reformed Church to the open door in Northern China, laid before the Church. The receipts of the Board from both Synods, are but $716 99.

In order to bring the great question of Foreign Missions fully before this Synod and the Church, the committee proposes the following, viz:

Resolved, 1. That while the Providence of God obviously indicates that the widening and inviting home-field claims priority in the efforts of the German Reformed Church, yet we must not neglect the appeals of the Pagan World, nor forget that the Divine Mission of the Church is to go into *all* the world and preach the Gospel.

2. That this Synod request the General Synod to authorize the Board of Foreign Missions forthwith to establish a mission of our own in Northern China, or some other eligible point.

3. That *this* Synod pledges the churches under its care for the amount adequate to accomplish this most desirable work.

4. That the great results following the feeble efforts put forth by this Church in the Aintab Mission, should be cause for thankfulness to the God of Missions, and a strong motive to embark in the enterprise proposed.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE. W. WELKER, *Chairman.*

In connection with the adoption of the fifth resolution relating to Home Missions, pledges and cash to the amount of $2,523 35, were received towards the objects therein specified.

The action of the Synod of last year, directing that all applications from feeble congregations, for aid in erecting their houses of worship, be made through the Church Extension Board, was reaffirmed.

The Classis of New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, recommends the appointment of a travelling Missionary for the New England States, to gather and organize congregations. This recommendation was referred to the Board of Home Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

The report of the Synod's Treasurer has been audited and found correct.

The term of office of George Z. Kunkle, one of the members of the Board, will expire on January 1, 1867. Mr. George H. Small, of Harrisburg, and George C. Welker, of Sunbury, are nominated as candidates for this office. Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WOLFF.
In behalf the Board.

The Synod, a ta time previously appointed, held an election for a Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board. The Rev. Joseph W. Santee and John Kuelling were appointed Tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result. George H. Small, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was elected Trustee of Synod.

The following report of the Treasurer of the Synod, accompanying the report of the Trustees of Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Synod.*

1865.		DR.		
October	17.	To balance on hand, as per report to Synod of Lewisburg, dated this day		$110 82
	"	Cash received as follows:—		
	27.	Of Philadelphia Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. W. H. H. Snyder		40 00
December	8.	" East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. J. Beck, on Contingent Fund		43 50
	14.	" do do do		6 50
1866.				
March	15.	" Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Executor of Rev. Isaac Gerhart, deceased, for principal and interest of bond, dated January 1, 1862, given by said deceased for One hundred dollars, payable one year after his death, "to the Trustees of Synod *in Trust* for the use and benefit of the Board of Foreign Missions of the aforesaid Church, to be disbursed by said board for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands, according to its discretion,"		100 50
	"	" Rev. Dr. Gerhart, Executor as aforesaid, for bond of April 1, 1862, for one hundred dollars, payable in like manner "to the Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States of North America, *in Trust* for the Board of Education of said Synod, to be disbursed by said Board according to its discretion in supporting indigent and worthy young men, who are preparing to preach the Gospel in the Church aforesaid,"		100 50
	"	" Rev. Dr. Gerhart, Executor as aforesaid, for bond of April 1, 1862, for one hundred dollars, payable in like manner "to the Trustees of Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States of North America, *in Trust* for the use and benefit of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Church aforesaid, to be disbursed by said Board for the spread of the Gospel, according to its direction,"		100 50
April	7.	" West Susquehanna Classis, per J. A. Mertz, Tr. on Contingent Fund		21 50
	9.	" J. Allison Eyster, Esq., his check for $285 for Interest to April 6, 1866, on mortgage due by Wm. Heyser, deceased	$135 00	
		Interest to April 10, 1866, on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser	150 00	
				285 00
	9.	From Coupon of United States, 10–40 bond, Cook legacy, sold for currency		45 32
	14.	Of Lebanon Classis, Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas., on Contingent Fund		6 25
	20.	" Maryland Classis, Rev. Colliflower, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		10 00
May	11.	" Lebanon Classis, Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		112 37
		Carried forward		$982 76

1866.				
		Amount brought forward		$982 76
May	14.	Of Lebanon Classis, per Rev. Dr. Fisher, from Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		11 72
	23.	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		100 00
	25.	" Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. J. Hassler, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		160 00
	"	" Zion's Classis, per W. A. Wilt, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		160 00
	"	" Lebanon Classis, per F. W. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		6 00
	28.	" Lancaster Classis, per A. H. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		93 00
	29.	" West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. D. G. Klein, Treasurer on Contingent Fund		64 00
June	11.	" New York Classis, Rev. J. F. Busche, Treasurer, in cash	$11 65	
		and bill of expenses of Committee on German Professorship	13 35	
		together twenty-five dollars on Contingent Fund		25 00
	12.	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, proceeds of note of $550 at 90 days, discounted to enable Treasurer to pay for printing Minutes of Synod of 1865		541 08
	14.	" Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Treasurer, per Rev. Dr. Fisher		74 85
	20.	" East Susquehanna Classis, per J. M. Follmer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		140 00
	21.	" Maryland Classis, per Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		160 00
	28.	" West New York Classis, per H. F. Troutman, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		25 00
August	29.	" Coupons of the three U. S. 7-30 Notes of $100 each, Gerhart donation, to be applied vis:		
		To Foreign Missions	$3 65	
		" Domestic Missions	3 65	
		" Board of Education	3 65	
				10 95
	"	" Coupons of U. S. 7-30 Note of $100, No. 232208, donated by Middletown charge to Synod		7 30
	"	" Coupon of U. S. Bond [10-40] of $1000, Cook legacy, sold for currency for		36 25
September	5.	" East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. John Beck, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		155 00
	7.	" Clarion Classis, per Rev. J. H. Apple, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		60 00
	"	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, dividends collected from Hagerstown Bank stock		74 74
	20.	" St. Paul Classis, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		60 00
October	15.	" Goshenhoppen Classis, per Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund		110 00
	"	" Jacob Heyser, Esq., check of J. Allison Eyster, Esq., for interest on mortgage due by Wm. Heyser's estate Oct. 6, 1866	$135 00	
		Interest on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser, Esq., to Oct. 10, 1866	150 00	
				285 00
				$3,342 65

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By disbursements made, as follows:—

1865.				
October	26.	To First National Bank of Harrisburg, for cash paid collecting check of W. F. Colliflower on Washington Co. Bank, in July, 1865		$0 85
	26.	" John Wiest, Esq., Treasurer General Synod, on account of printing due by Synod		100 00
Nov.	22.	" Rev. J. S. Foulk, expenses as delegate to Synod of Reformed Dutch Church		12 00
	"	" Rev. S. H. Giesy, expenses as delegate to Synod of Ohio		23 25
December	8.	" John Wiest, Esq., Treasurer General Synod, on account of printing, &c		50 00
	8.	" Rev. J. Beck, expenses as chairman of Enrolment Committee		6 50
1866.				
March	2.	" Rev. B. Bausman, travelling expenses as Trustee of Synod		7 20
	2.	" Rev. Geo. Wolff, travelling expenses as Trustee of Synod		1 40
	17.	" First National Bank of Harrisburg for following described U. S. 7-30 notes, investments made of money received from Rev. Dr. Gerhart, Executor of Rev. Isaac Gerhart, deceased, viz:		
		One, dated July 15, 1865, No. 285090 B 1, for Board of For'gn Missions [$100]		101 20
		One, do do 285091 C 1, for Board of Home Missions [$100]		101 20
		One, do do 285092 D 1, for Board of Education [$100]		101 20
April	9.	" A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, viz:		
		Interest received on Kieffer legacy	$285 00	
		do do Cook do	45 32	
				330 32
May	5.	" R. F. Kelker, expenses paid by him for acknowledging quit claim deed of Trustees of Synod to J. Allison Eyster, Esq., telegraph dispatches, &c		2 50
June	1.	" Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., chairman Liturgical Committee		92 12
	"	" John Wiest, Esq., Treasurer General Synod, balance due on printing, &c		150 00
	7.	" Rev. Dr. Schaff, expenses due as member of Liturgical Committee		30 00
	11.	" Rev. J. F. Busche, chairman Committee on Germain Professorship		13 35
	12.	" J. B. Rodgers, printing, &c., English and German Minutes of the Synod of 1865		985 99
	28.	" J. M. Follmer, Esq., Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis, amount overpaid by him in error on quota of said Classis		30 00
		Carried forward		$2,139 08

1866.		Amount brought forward		$2,139 08
ugust	29.	To First National Bank, on account of note of June 12, 1866		400 00
	"	" C. Santee, Esq., Treasurer Domestic Missions, 6 months' interest on Gerhart donation		3 65
	"	" Rev. Dr. Fisher, Treasurer Board of Education, 6 months' interest on Gerhart donation		3 65
	"	" R. F. Kelker, Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions, 6 months' interest on Gerhart donation		3 65
September	5.	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, balance due on note of June 12, 1866		150 00
	19.	" Rev. Dr. Fisher, salary and other expenses as Stated Clerk of Synod		130 50
October	11.	" Rev. J. O. Miller, chairman Committee on Suit vs. heirs of Duncan		2 00
	15.	" A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, viz:		
		Interest received on Cook legacy	36 25	
		do do Kieffer do	285 00	
				321 25
		Balance on hand, and deposited in the First National Bank of Harrisburg		188 87
				$3,342 65

The undersigned, a committee of the Board of Trustees, appointed for the purpose, hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find the same correct as above stated.

GEO. WOLFF, } Committee.
GEO. Z. KUNKEL. }

York, Pa., October 20, 1866.

Amounts still due and unpaid by several Classes on Contingent Fund.

Lebanon	$36 78	
Philadelphia	86 31	
Goshenhoppen	54 63	
Lancaster	97 71	
West Susquehanna	104 25	
		$379 68

Investments held for Synod by R. F. Kelker, Treasurer, on the 17th day of October, 1866.

"*Cook Legacy;*" consisting of one U. S. 10-40, 5 per cent. coupon, dated March, 1, 1864, No. 5130, for	$1,000 00	
and two U. S. 10-40, 5 per cent. coupon bonds, March 1, 1864, first series, Nos. 18790 and 18791, for $100 each	200 00	
		$1,200 00
"*Kieffer Legacy;*" consisting of promissory note of Jacob Heyser to Wm. Heyser, Treasurer of Synod, for $5000, dated April 10, 1864, secured by mortgage	$5,000 00	
Also, a mortgage given by Wm. Heyser [now deceased] to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, dated January 28, 1863, payable April 6, 1864, for	4,500 00	
		9,500 00
Certificate No. 6 for 24 shares *Hagerstown Bank Stock*		480 00
Carried forward		$11,180 00

			Amount brought over		$11,180 00
"*Gerhart Legacy*" consisting of					
One 7-30 U. S. note, dated July 15, 1865,			No. 285090 B 1, in trust for Board of Foreign Missions...	100 00	
One	do	do	No. 285091 C 1, in trust for Board of Domestic Missions	100 00	
One	do	do	No. 285092 D 1, in trust for Board of Education.....	100 00	
					300 00
"*Maryland Classis*" *donation* towards founding a Synodical Fund, One 7-30 U. S. note, No. 232208, dated August 15, 1864, for					100 00
					$11,580 00

Also, a certain bond [secured by mortgage], given by Second Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., dated September 28, 1861, conditioned for the payment of $2908.74 with interest from date to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in case said congregation "should cease to remain in connection with said Synod."

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND BRETHREN:—The above is a true account of the Receipts and Disbursements of your Treasurer during the past year, which is hereby respectfully submitted.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER.

Harrisburg, October 16, 1866.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider the propriety of reducing the size of the Reports of the Treasurers of the various Boards, so that instead of furnishing a detailed statement of all the receipts and expenditures, the reports furnish simply a condensed summary upon these points.

The Classis of St. Paul, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, suggested the propriety of publishing an abstract edition of the Proceedings of Synod for general circulation, with a view to lessen the expenses of publication. The suggestion was referred to the Committe on Finance.

The Committee on Finance to whom the foregoing report, resolution and suggestion were referred, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance begs leave to report:

That a single document was submitted to their consideration—the Report of the Treasurer of Synod. From this report we learn, that the receipts of the past year amounted to $3,342 65, and the dis-

bursements for the same period amounted to $3,153 78; leaving in the Treasurer's hands a balance of $188 87.

The following Classes have failed to pay their assessments in full:

Lebanon Classis $36 78; Philadelphia Classis $86 31; Goshenhoppen Classis $54 63; Lancaster Classis $97 71; and West Susquehanna Classis $104 25.

The expenses for the current year are estimated at $2,000. Deducting the amount still due by the above delinquent Classes, will leave $1,620 to be provided for. This amount we have apportioned among the several Classes as follows:

		New.	*Still due.*	*Total.*
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$160 00		$160 00
Lebanon	"	160 00	$ 36 78	196 78
Zion	"	160 00		160 00
Maryland	"	160 00		160 00
Philadelphia	"	160 00	86 31	246 31
Mercersburg	"	160 00		160 00
Goshenhoppen	"	150 00	54 63	204 63
New York	"	25 00		25 00
Lancaster	"	100 00	97 71	197 71
East Susquehanna	"	125 00		125 00
West Susquehanna,	"	120 00	104 25	224 25
Clarion	"	65 00		65 00
St. Paul	"	65 00		65 00
West New York	"	25 00		25 00
		$1,635 00	$379 68	$2,014 68

The following recommendations are presented to the consideration of Synod:

1. That the Virginia and North Carolina Classes, by reason of the destitute condition of their congregations, be exempt from the assessment of this year, although receiving their quota of the Minutes of Synod.

2. With regard to the request coming from the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions touching a condensed statement of the receipts, it is recommended, that hereafter the Treasurers of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, and Beneficiary Education report by Classes, and not in detail, the amounts received.

3. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the General Synod, whatever amount may be levied upon this Synod.

4. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 3,000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod—2,200 in the English, and 800 in the German language.

5. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorised to borrow money, if necessary, to pay for the publication of the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. GIESY, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Account of Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, travelling expenses as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, $15; of the Rev. George B. Russell, travelling expenses as delegate to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, $3; of the Rev. Dr. Emanual V. Gerhart, expenses as Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence with Germany, $4; Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, expenses of Committee to revise the Liturgy, $119 42; of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, amount awarded him by the Committee of Settlement, $52 44; and Goldsboro S. Griffith, amount advanced by him to the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, $25.

The Rev. George B. Russell, appointed by the Synod at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to effect a settlement with the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the members of the Tercentenary Committee present, with instructions to effect, if possible, a settlement with the Rev. Joshua H. Derr namely, Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Danie, Gans, and Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith:

Committee to settle with Rev. J. H. Derr, reports as follows:

That, after an earnest effort, he was unable to come to any satisfactory settlement of the matter in hand, and respectfully returns it to the hands of the Synod for final disposition.

GEORGE B. RUSSELL.

The committee to whom the foregoing report was referred, with instructions, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We have conferred with Rev. Joshua H. Derr, in regard to the subject in hand, and will briefly state facts necessary to be known. The actual amount collected by him does not fully represent the value of the agency itself. The agent preached on the subject of the Tercentenary movement, labored for the inauguration of measures and activities, the full effect of which cannot, of course, be definitely measured. Besides, he labored amid peculiarly disadvantageous circumstances, growing out of the fact, that the State was at the time

called upon to contribute men for the army under a heavy draft. He labored in all within a few days of four months, in the midst of a severe winter. In addition to this, being at the time partially out of charge, he operated voluntarily for this interest in several charges in East Pennsylvania, before he was in the actual employ of the Tercentenary Committee. This labor, we think, ought to be recognized, together with his other labor. Taking all this into view, your committee recommend,—

1. That the agent be credited with five months' labor, at $100 per month and his travelling expenses.

2. That the money collected by him be directed to be paid to the several objects for which they were contributed.

3. He received in cash $541.75. Of this he paid $51 to a particular student, for whose use it was designated by the donor, and $69.22 travelling expenses. This leaves in his hand $421.53, which we recommend to be paid over as above designated. Allowing him $500 for his labor, there will be due him $77.44. From this is to be deducted $25, advanced to the agent by Mr. Griffith, which leaves $52.44 due Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

Respectfully submitted.

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

A committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. John Ault, Franklin J. Mohr and Franklin W. Kremer, to collect an assessment of fifty cents each from the members of Synod, to remunerate the sextons of the church in which the sessions were held, for their services. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Rev. Synod of Ger. Ref. Church:

Your committee appointed to take up a collection for the benefit of the sextons of the church in which we are assembled, would respectfully report: That they attended to the duty assigned them by Synod, and that the collection amounts to $32.34.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN AULT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the Consistories of the Saegertown charge, in which they ask Synod to take measures to effect the restoration of the Rev. David B. Ernst to the office of the ministry. It was

Resolved, That these Consistories be referred to the Classis of St. Paul, inasmuch as the Synod has no jurisdiction in the matter to which their communication relates, in the form in which it is brought before Synod.

The Classes of Lebanon, Zion and Lancaster licensed young men to preach the Gospel, without requiring them to sign the formula prescribed by the Constitution; the Classis of Virginia placed an elder on a committee to ordain and install a minister; the Classis of Maryland held special meetings without the President having given notice to all the members; the Classis of East Susquehanna failed to furnish Synod with a separate copy of their report on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, and also appointed a person as chairman of a committee before he had been received as a member of Classis; the Classis of Lancaster admitted laymen as members without designating them as elders, and several of the Classes failed to give documentary evidence, that their sessions were opened and closed with prayer. These several items were reported as irregular by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, and their judgment was affirmed by Synod.

The request of the Classis of St. Paul to approve of its action, modifying the sentence of deposition, in the case of David B. Ernst, to that of suspension, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was granted.

The request of the Classis of West New York to have the Minutes of Synod of last year, where they pronounce the Classis irregular in placing an elder on a committee to ordain a minister, corrected, inasmuch as the Classis had appointed no such committee during that year, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was granted.

The request of the Classis of West New York, in case the Synod be divided into District Synods, to be connected with such other Classes as will make that connection most convenient, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to the General Synod.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to define the boundary line between it and the Classis of East Pennsylvania. This request was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomber-

ger, Cyrus Cort, and Benjamin Bausman. The committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the matter of defining the boundary between the East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen Classes was referred, beg leave to recommend that Synod appoint the Rev. John Beck, Peter S. Fisher, and Charles H. Leinbach, commissioners, to adjust the difficulty, and that their decision be final.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The result of the action of the different Classes on the propositions submitted to them by the General Synod, in regard to the division of the two Synods into District Synods, and the propriety of the General Synod holding its sessions annually, instead of tri-ennially, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to the General Synod.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Leave of Absence, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the several Classes be requested to send none as delegates to Synod hereafter, who are unwilling to attend the sessions of Synod from the beginning to the close; and that the delegates be required by the Classis to make their arrangements to remain at least ten days upon the sessions of Synod, if Synod continue that long in session.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, earnestly requested Synod to direct the Committee on Sunday School Literature, to make a selection of books, which may be safely recommended to our people, as adapted to the wants of our children. In reference to this request, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved. That the Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., and John W Ebinghaus, be added to the Committee on Sunday School Literature, and that the Committee be instructed to prepare a Descriptive Catalogue of such books as they can recommend for the use of our youth, both in the English and German languages.

Resolved, That this Synod request our ministers and Superintendents of our Sunday Schools, to report such books as they can recommend for reading by our children, to the Committee on Sunday School Literature.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Board of Publication. and referred to the Committee on Publication:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Another financial year of the Board of Publication closed on the 1st instant. A statement of its operations during that period, it becomes its duty at this time to lay before Synod. It does this with pleasure and with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, inasmuch, as the results are on the whole, quite favorable and encouraging, though not fully as much so as the Board might have desired or the necessities of the Church, in this particular direction, urgently demanded. The experience of the past year, should serve at least as a powerful incentive to increased zeal and activity for the future in behalf of our Publication interests, so as to bring them fully into that position which is necessary to make them what they must be, in order to answer efficiently the important ends they are designed to subserve.

At the Synod at Lancaster it was solemnly resolved to raise the sum of $60,000 for the use of the Publication Board. This amount was deemed necessary to meet present liabilities, replace in part the losses sustained in the destruction of the property at Chambersburg by the Southern army, and to furnish the Board with a Publishing House and the capital necessary to the successful prosecution of the business committed to their trust. From causes referred to in the last annual report, only $5,439.55 of this sum was raised during the year immediately succeeding the Synod at which the action referred to was taken.

After due deliberation, the Synod, held last October at Lewisburg, Pa., feeling the importance of the interests involved, renewed its resolution to raise the sum formerly resolved upon for publication purposes, and with a view to carry this resolution into effect, appointed a suitable person to canvass the Church for the purpose of securing the contemplated amount of funds. After a full consideration of the subject, the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, the person selected by the Synod for the purpose, so far yielded to the wishes of Synod, as to agree to take charge of this particular interest and endeavor to carry out the object of Synod through such agencies as he could make availa-

ble for the purpose. With commendable zeal and energy he gave himself to this work, without asking any remuneration for his services. Besides securing personally several liberal contributions, he after a short time succeeded also in placing several agents in different portions of the Church for a greater or less extent of time. These severally gave themselves actively to their work. The amount actually realized from these several efforts up to the end of our financial year, is $11,838.36. Besides this, subscriptions to the amount of about $3,500, as far as we can estimate them from the data at hand, have been secured, the greater portion of which will doubtless be paid at a future period. This amount thus realized is, of course, subject to the drawback of necessary expenses incurred in its collection.

It is not to be presumed, that the Synod will abandon its original purpose to secure a Publishing House for the use of the Board, and to provide the Church with a literature adapted to the wants of its membership. Such a course would be suicidal, as well as derogatory to our character as a religious denomination. The need of a denominational literature is more and more felt. A small beginning has been made in this direction. Two works are now in course of stereotyping, the money to cover the expenses being furnished by the respective authors, in consideration of which they are to be allowed regular copy money. The Board is desirous of extending its operations in this direction, as soon as the means for the purpose are at hand.

A Publishing House will also be eventually indispensable to the successful prosecution of the operations of the Board. A room answering very well for present purposes, has been secured at a moderate rent. This particular advantage, however, cannot always be enjoyed. The Synod, therefore, has wisely looked, from the start, to the providing of a permanent location for her publication interests.

To provide Church Literature, demanded by the wants of the people, and to furnish the proposed Publishing House, as well as to cancel the balance of the original debt remaining unpaid, will require a continuance of the efforts of Synod to secure the amount still necessary to make up the sum originally resolved upon. By what particular method this is to be done, whether by a continuance of the agency system, or by annual collections in all the churches, or in some other feasible way, the Board does not feel itself authorized to prescribe, but cheerfully leaves to the discretion of Synod.

The operations of the Board have increased considerably beyond those of the previous year. A respectable number of new subscribers has been added to the lists of the "Messenger," "Kirchenzeitung," and "Child's Treasury." There is also a small increase in the subscription list of the "Guardian." All these periodicals, however, need still a much larger increase of circulation to secure their permanency and place them upon proper footing for usefulness. There is ample room in the Church for all that is required in this direction, and it is to be hoped that it may soon be fully occupied.

The wants of the Sunday Schools in the German churches seemed to require the publication of a Child's paper in the German language. As the publication of the "Lämmerhirte" could no longer be continued in connection with the Bridesburg Orphans' Home, the Board felt itself called upon to take hold of this periodical and endeavor to make it such as would be worthy of the Church and adapted to the wants of the German portion of our youthful membership. A few German brethren kindly agreed to edit it for the present, without cost to the Board. It was not supposed that the receipts for the paper during the first year would cover the expenses attending its publication. The Board still deemed a proper regard for the interests of the German portion of the Church, to require the publication of such a periodical, whatever might be the present cost, in the hope that it would, ere long, meet with a patronage sufficient to sustain it. In January last the publication was commenced with a subscription list of about 4000, which has since been increased to 6,072. A much larger subscription will be necessary to make it self-sustaining, and this it is hoped will eventually be secured, though, it must be confessed, the new subscriptions have not come in as largely and as fast as was to be reasonably expected. If the enterprise should fail, however, the responsibility will not rest with the Board, but with the German portion of the Church.

As has been intimated, a suitable room for the present use of our publication operations, has been secured on favorable terms. Possession was obtained early in January, and after the room was properly fitted up and some stock for a commencement procured, the Book department was opened about the first of February. The operations have been going regularly forward since that period, and gradually increasing from month to month. Already a respectable business is being done in this department, which promises to reach such dimensions as to make it of great account both to the Church and to the Establishment itself.

The publication of the Almanac in the English language has been continued, with increasing prospects of success. Thus far we have depended upon our Western brethren for a supply of German Almanacs. Some circumstances seem to indicate, however, that it will be necessary ere long to publish a German Almanac also of our own. In this matter the Board will be guided by what seems to be the wants of the Church in the case and the wishes that may be expressed by Synod.

As the action, both of the General Synod and this Synod, called for a revision of the Liturgy for the use of the Church, provision must necessarily be made for its publication as revised by the Committee of Synod. It was thought that the Publication Board was the proper organ through which this work should be done. As there existed, however, a contract between the Synod and the firm of Lindsay & Blakiston for the publication of the Liturgy, which would not expire ·til November of next year, and even then its publication could pass of their hands only on certain conditions, it became necessary for

the Board to buy out the interest of the said firm, in order to be in a position to go forward with the work. Such a purchase was happily effected on what were considered very reasonable terms. The stereotyping of the revised edition has accordingly been going forward during the past summer, and is in such a state of forwardness as to enable the Board to furnish specimen copies, though in a crude form, for the examination of Synod, when submitted for this purpose by the Liturgy Committee.

In regard to the publication of a paper in the German language, adapted to the peculiar wants of the German portion of the Church in Eastern Pennsylvania, the Board would state, that an interview was had with a representative member of the committee to whom this matter was committed by Synod, and it was proposed on behalf of the Board, to assume the responsibility of issuing such a publication, provided it would be issued under its control at Philadelphia. In case this should not be thought advisable by the committee, it was agreed, on the part of the representative of the Board, that they would interpose no obstacles to its going forward elsewhere under the direction of the committee. The proposition of the Board to publish was not accepted by the committee. What has been done in any other direction is not known to the Board. The Synod, however, will doubtless be fully apprized of the proceedings of the committee by the committee itself.

The property of the Printing Establishment has been sold during the year to good advantage. The amount realized and to be realized for it, is $7,100. Last winter the Legislature of the State made an appropriation of $500,000 for the relief of those who suffered by the destruction of Chambersburg. The Board thought that the Printing Establishment of the Church, which suffered so much by that catastrophe, would very naturally be a proper participant in the benefits of that fund. Its head, therefore, deemed it his duty to present and press the claims of the Publication Board. A very decided opposition, however, was encountered from the citizens of Chambersburg, prompted mainly by the fact, that they had reason to believe that the Church would not again locate its publication operations in their place. After a somewhat protracted legal struggle, the effort was successful so far as to realize the full proportion of the Board's claim on the realty and a part of the proportion of its claim on the personalty. The amount realized from this source was $7,514.70.

For the purpose of furnishing a better opportunity to arrive at the exact financial condition of the Board, the following abstract from the full statement made to it, is given:

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions to "Messenger" and advertising,	$8,702.61
" "Kirchenzeitung" "	4,021.42
" "Guardian,"	1,364.70
" "Child's Treasury,"	2,143.11
" "Lämmerhirte," (9 mos.)	712.11
Contributions for Relief,	11,838.36
State appropriation, realty,	2,909.40
" " personalty	4,605.30
On sale of Lot, two payments,	3,550.00
" " Interest on one payment,	54.22
Books, &c., sold in store, &c.,	12,766.29
	$52,667.52
Less receipts than disbursements,	507.08
	$53,174.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal of former indebtedness,	$12,267.04
Interest and discount,	726.26
Composition, press work and expediting, Messenger,	3,591.10
" " " Kirchenzeitung,	2,197.56
" " " Guardian,	991.45
" " " Child's Treasury,	556.25
" " " (10 m.) Lämmerhirte,	368.35
Paper for Messenger and Kirchenzeitung,	4,601.90
" Guardian,	545.00
" Child's Treasury and Lämmerhirte,	2,844.97
" Hymn books, Catechisms, Almanacs, &c.,	2,006.88
Binding account,	2,101 95
Percentage on collections and new subscribers,	960.22
Expenses collecting Relief subscriptions,	1,019.83
United States Excise tax,	560.38
Attorney's fees, Crier's fees, and Government tax on sale at Chambersburg,	355.00
Presswork on books and jobs, parcelling, &c.,	815.10
Rent for nine months,	300.00
Salaries for editors, contributors and other employees, &c.,	4,427.00
Lindsay & Blakiston for Liturgy plates, &c.,	250.00
All other expenses, including stock, insurance, postage, freights, fixtures of store, &c., &c.,	11,688.36
	$53,174.60

ASSETS.

J. A. Eyster, deferred payments,.....	$3,550 00
" interest due on same,.....	106 50
Stock on hand, in Paper,.....	1,571 71
" " Books and Stationery,.....	6,268 41
" " Books in sheets.....	230 96
Due on Messenger, (estimated),.....	5,000 00
" Kirchenzeitung, (estimated),.....	2,500 00
" Guardian,.....	1,053 00
" Childs' Treasury,.....	519 90
" Lämmerhirte,.....	422 50
" Subscription, Relief, (estimated,).....	3,500 00
Furniture and Fixtures,.....	800 00
Stereotype Plates,.....	2,430 00
Due on Book Accounts,.....	5,638 41
	$33,591 39

Assets, October 1, 1866,.....	$33,591 39
" " 1, 1865,.....	25,484 45
Increase of Assets,.....	$8,106, 94

LIABILITIES.

October 1, 1865,.....	$20,767 23
" 1, 1866,.....	9,008 61
Decrease of Liabilities,.....	$11,758 62

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Messenger,.....	645
Kirchenzeitung,.....	530
Guardian,.....	236

	1865.	1866.	Increase.
Subscribers Messenger.....	2,988	3,408	420
" Kirchenzeitung,.....	2,988	3,032	134
" Guardian,.....	1,129	1,150	23
" Childs' Treasury,.....	11,168	17,506	6,338
" Lämmerhirte,.....		6,072	

The Board has had under consideration the propriety of procuring an act of incorporation for the Board, and have thought the subject of sufficient importance to submit it to Synod for its action.

A very general and earnest desire has been expressed for the recommencement of a Church Review. The wants of the Church seem to call loudly for something of this kind; and there is reason to believe, that such a publication, properly conducted, can now be sus-

[illegible] As the enterprise, however, will have important, yea, vital bearings upon the interests of the Church, the Board did not feel justified in moving in the matter without first submitting it to the consideration of Synod. They therefore ask its advice in reference to the propriety of commencing such a publication with the commencement of the approaching year.

As the business of the Board is greatly increasing, and the labors devolving upon our present Superintendent are becoming too great to be endured, justice to him, as well as to the Church, demands that he should be afforded sufficient relief. The Board, therefore, respectfully asks Synod to associate with him in the editorship of the "Messenger," a suitable person, who shall assume the principal portion of the labor in this particular department.

In closing their report, the Board takes great pleasure in stating that the relations with the Superintendent of its operations continue to be of the most pleasant character, and the whole enterprise itself, with the earnest and full co-operation of the Church, promises to become a matter of vast account to the interests of the Church.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

JOHN WIEST, *Secretary.*

October 18th, 1866.

The following report was received from the committee appointed by the Synod at Lewisburg, to whom was referred the propriety of publishing a German paper adapted to the wants of the Germans of Eastern Pennsylvania, and referred to the Committee on Publication

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church at York, Pa.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Your committee appointed by the Synod of last year at Lewisburg, to establish, in connection with the Board of Publication, a new German paper, adapted to the wants of the Pennsylvania German portion of our Church, beg leave to report the following, and submit it to the judgment of Synod.

Your committee met at Reading, Pa., soon after their appointment for consultation, and for the purpose of opening communication with the Publication Board. A personal interview with Dr. Fisher, and a written reply from him in the name of the Board, frustrated our mission from the very start, upon the somewhat too broad basis prescribed for it.

Your committee, as they apprehended the object in view, and believed it to be practicable, concluded to locate the proposed paper in Reading, Pa. It is necessary, if the project, as recommended to Synod, shall succeed, that such a paper be edited by one who is intimately acquainted with the Pennsylvania German element, with its defects as well as good qualities, and with its developed national pe-

culiarities, and able to write fresh from the heart of the popular life. We knew no one in Philadelphia whom we could procure as editor, who would or could undertake to conduct the paper from this particular stand-point. We then thought of Reading, where a person of suitable qualifications was disposed to undertake the enterprise. We also believed that the issue of the paper from the midst of the Pennsylvania Germans, would itself awaken a warm interest in its behalf.

Upon this representation, we were informed by the Board of Publication, through Dr. Fisher, that, in case the paper be issued outside of Philadelphia, we would have to carry forward the enterprise on our own responsibility. We were accordingly at an end with the matter on the proposed basis. We had no means to commence the enterprise, and could not also find fault with the position of the Board, inasmuch as they wished to manage the pecuniary matters themselves.

The subject was suffered to rest here for the present, in order to afford an opportunity to apply to the Classes of East Pennsylvania, and seek from them the means to carry forward the undertaking. The Lebanon Classis entered into the matter with spirit, and cheerfully assumed one-third of the necessary expenditure. The Goshenhoppen Classis did the same. The Classes of East Pennsylvania, however, having just passed through a pecuniary crisis, laid the matter in advance on the table, without acting upon it; and thus was our undertaking again frustrated.

We made new efforts to carry the proposed measure into effect, and that in a private way, and we are pleased to be able to report to Synod that our efforts have been successful. We have received a reliable proposition from a competent person, who is willing to undertake the publication and editing of the paper, under the direction of the Committee, at his own risk, on condition that the paper be located in Reading. We can most positively inform the Synod, that the new paper will make its appearance in the middle of December next, without subjecting it to any pecuniary outlay, and still keeping the whole matter under its control, in case it approves of starting the enterprise proposed, and expresses its approval by the continuance of a committee, to which its further management shall be intrusted.

The committee desires most earnestly to impress upon the Synod the necessity of a paper in the interest of the Pennsylvania Germans; and to this end would call attention to the following facts:—Where the Reformed Church in America has remained German, as in East Pennsylvania, it has developed itself in a peculiar manner, so that the Pennsylvania German element of our Church is essentially different from that of European immigrants. The mode of thought and life of the Pennsylvania German, according to the difference of degree of cultivation, varies from that of the foreigner; and the Church accordingly, where it prevails, necessarily wears a different aspect. Our Pennsylvania Germans are not heartless, neither are they ignorant of the principles of Christianity; but they are *greatly ignorant* as to every thing that transpires in the Church beyond their own congre-

gations. Our members here know but little of the course of development going forward externally and internally in the Church in general, of her institutions and wants. From this ignorance of the Church arises mistrust and the inactivity of our members. They contribute unwillingly, because they do not know for what they contribute. Let this people be enlightened by a paper adapted to their wants, not by one furnishing mere literary articles; by one which has a specific object in view, and not by one filled out with indiscriminate reading matter, merely for the sake of being full, and their influence will soon be felt in the affairs of the Church.

The Pennsylvania portion is no small factor in our Reformed Church. This element embraces no less than thirty thousand souls, who live in the heart of Pennsylvania, and if aroused from their inactivity, with the wealth they possess, they must contribute materially to the strength of the Church. Is it right and is it wise to withhold from this multitude proper attention?

We do not regard the "Kirchenzeitung" as an organ for this portion of the Church, not to enter into matters more specifically. The same view holds also with regard to the "Lämmerhirte," whose external appearance is so very commendable. Not because, as the "Kirchenzeitung" recently inquired: "Are the articles contained in these papers too excessively learned?" O no! The excessively learned character of the articles is not exactly the thing. Nor is it because, as some brethren altogether misapprehend our enterprise—"We here, in East Pennsylvania, desire only a small and cheap paper." No! but because those papers, as is plainly evinced by the facts already indicated, do not know what kind of aliment this portion of the Church needs, or do not regard it worth the effort properly to provide for it.

Your committee, after careful consideration, have endeavored to embody in the following plan the principles by which a paper should be controlled that shall be of service to the Pennsylvania Germans:

I. The main object of the paper under the head, "Church."

(*a.*) The exposition of Congregational, Classical, and Synodical matters.

(*b.*) The discussion and presentation of the doings of Synod and Classes.

II. Edifying articles in the spirit of the Reformed Church.

III. Leading articles.

IV. News from the Church of Christ.

(*a.*) Missions. (*b.*) Parochial activity. Incidents in the congregations, based upon the daily occurrences, and the parochial reports to the Classes, which have hitherto remained literally unnoticed.

V. Congregational Histories. Biographies of Reformed Ministers.

VI. Family Circle.

VII. Orphans' Home.

VIII. Ecclesiastical Notices.

We are of the opinion that a paper conducted upon these principles would be of great account to our neglected members.

Committing this important subject to the judgment and disposal of Synod, we subscribe ourselves, with all due respect,

Yours &c.,

W. A. HELFRICH,
C. H. LEINBACH, } *Committee.*
P. S. FISHER,

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Publication begs leave respectfully to report:

That the Synod has rarely been favored with an annual statement of the operations, condition, and prospects of our publication interests, so satisfactory and cheering as that which has been placed in the hands of the Committee. Taking into due consideration the disadvantages unavoidably attending the removal of such an institution from an old to a new home, and the entire change made in the plan of conducting our work, it must be acknowledged to be a very remarkable and encouraging fact, that the Board has succeeded as far as it has, in making their operations so nearly self-sustaining. In this fact we may see a certain pledge, that, by prudent care in the management of the interests intrusted to the Board, this department of Church enterprise will not only soon become wholly self-supporting in the form in which it is now carried on, but a source of considerable revenue to the Church.

From the report we gather the following items meriting special notice:

Of the amount pledged by the Synod of Lancaster, (1864,) for the relief and permanent endowment of the Publication Board, ($60,000,) only $5,439.45 were paid in during the succeeding Synodical year, and subsequently, by special agency efforts, this sum was increased by $11,838.36, in addition to which $3,500 have been secured by subscriptions, making in all $20,777.81. It is easy, by striking the balance, to see how far short the amount realized falls of what was pledged.

In view of the fact, that a proper building will soon be required in order to meet the wants of this branch of our work, it is to be hoped, that renewed efforts will be made to secure the whole sum originally proposed; and we recommend that the Board be renewedly authorized to adopt such measures for accomplishing this object, as may be deemed most practicable and effective. For the present, indeed, the rooms rented for the purpose may answer the real necessities of the case, but the accommodations are altogether too limited to serve the annually increasing amount of business.

For the various items of receipt and expenditure, we may refer to the succinct account given in the report. The gross receipts will be found to include sums received upon the property in Chambersburg. The Board merits congratulation upon their success in this matter. The expenditures exceed the receipts by $507.08; but as an offset to this fact, the assets have been increased by $8,106.94, whilst indebtedness to the amount of $12,267.04 has been cancelled.

The items referring to the number of subscribers to our Church periodicals, show that much still remains to be done to secure the circulation to which they are entitled. More than a mere recommendation of Synod seems to be needed. We suggest, therefore, that the Board itself be requested to use the most vigorous measures for this purpose.

With reference to the early resumption of the publication of the Review, the committee recommend that the Board of Publication be granted permission to go forward with the publication of a Church Review, in case they deem it advisable.

As regards the report of the committee on the German paper, your Committee recommend the approval of the plan submitted by the committee, and its incorporation in the Minutes of Synod, and that the committee on the German paper be continued and instructed to go forward to issue the paper in the way they have proposed.

For the satisfactory reasons given in the report, the Committee recommends to Synod the appointment of a suitable person as associate editor of the *Messenger*, that in this way the Superintendent of the Establishment may be relieved of a portion of his oppressive labors.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to secure the services of a co-editor for the present year.

The following report was received from the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, appointed by the last Synod to collect moneys for the relief of the Board of Publication, and adopted:

Report of the General Agent of the Printing Establishment.

At the last meeting of the Synod, the undersigned was appointed General Agent of the Printing Establishment, with instructions to collect funds for its relief and use. Having charge of a large congregation, it was impossible to give as much time to the cause as its importance demanded. After spending all his leisure time for several months in visiting different parts of the Church, soliciting donations, and preparing the minds of the people for the work, he employed a number of brethren as sub-agents, who canvassed a considerable number of charges. Those who labored in this capacity are, Rev. D. W. Wolff, Rev. Dr Schneck, Elder J. Klopp, Rev. Geo. Wolff, D. Bossler,

M. A. Smith, C. H. Leinbach, Geo. B. Dechant, D. Feete, and Messrs. Samuel Leinbach, and Tyson Himmelberger. These brethren have served faithfully, and deserve the gratitude of the Church. Some pastors kindly volunteered to canvass their own congregations, and raised creditable amounts in this way. Your agent cannot forbear expressing his gratitude to the many kind friends he met in different sections of the Church, who encouraged his endeavors by word and deed. The amount secured in cash and subscriptions, will be reported by the Business Agent of the Printing Establishment.

This agency was forced upon me a year ago, in spite of my remonstrance. I have tried to be faithful to my appointment, as well as my pastoral duties permitted. I hereby tender my resignation of the position, and respectfully ask the Synod to relieve me from further duties in this direction. Respectfully submitted.

B. BAUSMAN.

The Classis of Lancaster, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to have all the Minutes to which their Classis is entitled, sent to their Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to comply with this request.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of last year, and adopted:

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk, respectfully reports,

That he caused the number of copies of the Proceedings of the last annual sessions to be printed in the English and German languages, as directed by Synod, and distributed them amongst the several Classes, in accordance with the standing rule of Synod. The expenses incurred were paid by the Treasurer, and the amount will doubtless be reported by him.

The Stated Clerk has procured a new seal for the use of Synod, according to instructions, at a cost of $10, which has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod. An impression from the seal accompanies this report. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. FISHER.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, submitted to Synod the decision of the question of validity or want of validity of infant baptism administered by the mother. This question was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, Franklin W. Kremer, and Joseph W. Santee, with instructions to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The Classis of Lancaster, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked Synod to answer the question, whether in the election of lay-delegates to Synod, the Classis is limited to those Elders who are not only appointed delegates by the Consistories, but are also in actual attendance upon the annual meeting. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That it be hereby declared to be the sense of this Synod, that the Classes, in electing Elders as delegates to Synod, are restricted to the acting delegates of their respective bodies.

The Classis of Clarion, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take measures to have the English Hymn Book revised, so as to conform it more to the order of the Church year and the Provisional Liturgy. In reference to this request, the following minute was adopted:

During the past few years, the subject of hymnology has awakened increased interest. Growing attention is being given to it. The leading denominations have either ordered, or are now discussing the propriety of, a revision of their hymn books. The subject is far in advance of what it was only a decade of years since.

The hymn book is an essential part of church cultus. It has an immense educational power. Giving outward form to the devotions of a people, it moulds insensibly their faith and religious life.

A hymn book, to be up to the high position the Reformed Church, in her long liturgical movement, stretching over a period of nearly twenty years, has come to occupy, must be constructed upon the same system of thought and worship. It is generally conceded that our present hymn book, formed years ago, good in its own order, does not satisfy the wants of the Church at the present time.

Besides, a hymn book should be ruled by the form of thought and spirit holding in its authorized order of worship. The liturgy and hymn book should be of a piece—breathing the same spirit. Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested, at its approaching meeting, to commit the matter of a new collection of hymns for the use of the Church to a special committee.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the morning of the second day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger announced to Synod, that he had received intelligence of the death of the Rev. Samuel Helffenstein, D.D., which had taken place at his residence near North Wales, Montgomery

County, Pa., the previous morning, October 17th, at nine o'clock. He accompanied the announcement with some appropriate remarks, in which he was followed by several other brethren. A committee was then appointed, consisting of the Rev. Dietrich Willers, Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, and Theodore Apple, to draft a minute on the subject. This committee reported the following, which was received and adopted:

A Father in Israel has fallen! The Rev. Samuel Helffenstein, D.D., the most aged minister of the German Reformed Church in the United States, departed this life at his residence, near North Wales, Montgomery County, Pa., on Wednesday morning, the 17th instant, in the ninety-second year of his age.

His history is intimately connected with that of the German Reformed Church in this country. He was the son of the Rev. Albert Helffenstein, a prominent minister of the Church in his day, and accordingly was trained from his earliest years in the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism. His classical education was pursued under the direction of the distinguished classical scholar, Frederici, and having devoted himself to the work of the ministry, he studied theology under the direction of his father. He was licensed to preach the gospel in the year 1796, and soon afterwards succeeded the Rev. William Hendel, as pastor of the Race Street Church, in Philadelphia. In this relation he continued until the year 1830, when he resigned his charge, and removed to North Wales.

During his residence in Philadelphia, he earnestly devoted himself to the work of the ministry, and labored diligently for the interests of the Reformed Church. As the Church at that time had no classical or theological institutions, he devoted considerable attention to the preparing of young men for the ministry. A large number were thus trained under his instructions, who became useful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, among whom may be named the Rev. Dr. Hoffeditz, Isaac Gerhart, Henry Gerhart, David Kaemmerer, and others. Three of his sons also devoted themselves to the work of the ministry. For a short time he edited a religious periodical in the interests of the German Reformed Church, and he also published a Compend of Christian Theology.

After his removal to North Wales, he took charge of the church at Lower Saucon, which he served for several years, until his failing strength constrained him to resign.

He was ever a fast friend of the Church. He took a deep interest in all the early movements which looked to the establishment of literary and theological institutions, and continued to manifest it, after they were brought into actual existence, even to the end of his long life. Of this he gave special tangible evidence, by his liberal contributions in connection with the Tercentenary celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism in 1863.

Full of days and years, he has at last gone to his reward. Hallowed be his memory!

We conclude this brief tribute of respect, by recommending the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod deems it a privilege to give this formal and sincere expression to its high estimate of the personal excellence, Christian worth, and eminent ability of the Rev. Samuel Helffenstein, D. D., of all which so many proofs were given during his long public life, extending through more than two generations; and especially to bear testimony to the active interest and zeal he ever manifested in every thing pertaining to the prosperity of the Church at large, and which he continued to show with unabated ardor, during the last years of his life.

Resolved, That we heartily condole with his sons, our ministerial brethren, and the other members of the family, in the death of their venerable father, and commend them to the support and consolations of divine grace under their bereavement.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Bomberger, the Rev. N. Gehr, and the Rev. J. G. Wiehle, be commissioned to bear the above action to the family of the deceased, and to represent this body at the funeral services on next Monday.

Respectfully submitted.

DIETRICH WILLERS, *Chairman.*

The first Thursday evening of the sessions was assigned for the hearing of the address before the Historical Society. The address was delivered at the time appointed by the Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, presenting a history of the Theological Seminary at York, Pa.

The Committee on the Digest of the Proceedings of Synod reported progress. The committee, after having been changed so as to make the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Chairman, was continued with instructions to report at as early a day as may be practicable.

The committee to whom was referred the propriety of establishing a Female Seminary, under the direction of Synod, submitted the following report:

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

We have not been able to enter upon the work assigned us with that zeal and earnestness which the interest of Female Education itself demands. The reason of this lay mainly in the conviction which we found it impossible to eradicate, that the Synod did not, in the appointment of the committee, act with that responsible apprehension of the claims and magnitude of the subject, which is essential to its practical inauguration: that, for whatever reason, it was not, in the way of earnest spirit, prepared for the question under its actual practical character; and that it was referred to the committee more to make room for other business, than for the purpose of having it properly digested, with a view then to enter practically upon the great work which it must involve.

Notwithstanding this, and some other discouragements, however, your committee met and considered the subject as earnestly and fully as circumstances and their ability admitted. In regard to the importance of such an enterprise for the Church, the members of the committee are all of one mind. Indeed, as touching this point, the committee is of opinion, that it is entirely too late in the day for any one even to intimate misgiving or doubt. It is important in itself. The female mind, no less than the male, demands education. In the nature of the case, here can be no distinction; the gross spirit of materialism only can here plead for difference. The demand for education arising from the mind itself, is as great in the case of the female, as it can be in the case of the male.

Nor are the results, when properly viewed, flowing from the educated female mind, less rich, varied, telling and productive in its own sphere, than those which flow from the educated mind of the opposite sex. The influence of women in the bosom of society, cannot be fully estimated. It lies so vitally in the principle that gives original form to character, and acts through such manifold mediums, by such subtle and mysterious instrumentalities, and withal so constantly and powerfully, though for the most part silently, that no reflection can so gather it up as to give to it a representation which will be at all commensurate with its own great wholeness, and yet we all have some inward sense of its silent mightiness. It is admitted on all hands to furnish both the foundation and moral nerve to society in every department; and when we come to have any proper conception of the vital relation holding between morality and all forms of human prosperity, we cannot but deeply realize the force of woman's claims, not only to education, but also to the highest style of education, of which her mind and moral nature are susceptible.

But the claims of women in this view, stand forth with still greater boldness as she is regarded in her relation to Christianity and the Church. Here woman has ever been a *power*—a power with which man, in his greatest gifts, has never been able successfully to compete. Who but woman has created the beautiful and moulding human ideal of religion, which lives in, and speaks to, every community? Whose devoted conduct, but that of a woman's, constrained by the love of Christ, has, in so practical a way, confirmed the theoretic evidences of religion, and given such moral attraction to the Church as to render it a charm even to the coarse and carnal world? In almost every congregation females are found, not only to be the most numerous, but also the most zealous and laborious. Upon them, especially those that are young, depends for the most part the entire tone and character of society as it there prevails. When these young ladies are properly educated, and thus qualified to act efficiently in their high position, you have at once an attractive and moulding power in the Church, which is felt for good upon the whole community. But where this youthful female membership of the Church is neglected intellectually, you have a lack of moral and attractive force for which there is noth-

ing that can serve as a recompense. It is through the intellectual qualities of woman alone, purposely developed, that the Church can come to its true social position and moral power.

Now, your committee believe that the German Reformed Church in this country needs this moral power arising from the cultivated female mind, as much as any other; and that our Church is as much under obligation, in proportion to her ability, as any other, to furnish the facilities for true female education. Indeed, we regard the Reformed Church, in view of her peculiar character, as more especially and solemnly called of God, not only to stand prominent in this wedded union of religion and æsthetics, which finds its true ground in woman, but to lead the way in all those efforts which are calculated to develop this form of power in the Church, and bring it to bear with the force of divine benediction upon the world without.

It falls not within the province of the committee to show, in any extended form, how much we have lost in the past, how much we are still losing, and how this loss will increase in the future, by not funding at least a reasonable portion of our ability, moral and material, in favor of an object so noble in itself and so powerful for good in its results. In consequence of this neglect, we have not only failed to secure hundreds, who by birth and otherwise, belonged to us, but we have also, in this negative way, furnished the occasion for equal numbers, who were once an actual part of our ecclesiastical family, to leave us, and seek spiritual homes where society, in this intellectual point of view, was more congenial to them. And no one can understand the proper tone of the present age, without perceiving that this female intellectual feature is even more important now, than it has been in any previous period, and that it will be more important in the future than it is now. No education, simply in the male department, however high and complete it may be, can ever accomplish fully the true end of education so far as the Church especially is concerned. We cannot, therefore, see how the Church can afford to set this interest aside any longer, in view of demands arising from other quarters. This is evidently *the* demand for the present. This is certainly a late enough day to begin an enterprise, which is so essentially wrapped up in the true life of the Church itself, and which should take practical form with her birth, and grow with her growth. Surely, we may not hope to begin it at a much later day. We doubt whether any Church, in the utter neglect of this interest, can in this age rationally expect to hold its own—still more do we doubt its ability to press its way upward and onward to any thing like enlarged prosperity.

The Female Seminary we regard then as a simple necessity. The demand for it arises from every quarter, and is imperative in every view. We cannot repress our admiration, as we follow the history of Moses, the intrepid leader of the ancient Church; but in this admiration we must not overlook *Miriam*, whose history, if not as brilliant, is equally impressive; and whose work, in its own sphere, was no less important than his. Male and female created he them; and as they

supplemented each other in all the great movements of providence and grace, they must be supposed as carrying an equal claim to every form of discipline, which may tend to qualify them for their respective spheres. There can, indeed, be no Catholic Christianity that does not, in some real practical way, make room for it. Mary has as much claim, to say the least, as Joseph, to the practical regard of the Church of Christ in this view. Every Church owes it to itself, as well as to its female membership, to establish and vigorously sustain such an institution. This is plainly what we need as a distinctive denomination, and this is what we must have, not only in theory, but in the way of practical operation, if we are fully to accomplish our mission as a Church, or even retain in the way of membership and moral force what we already possess. Coming to this conclusion, the only remaining question is, *How may such a Female Seminary be inaugurated?*

We answer briefly, that it may be done on either one of two general principles:

I.—*On the principle of individual enterprise.* Thus,

1. Let the Synod select either one individual, or more, prominently fitted for this department of Christian labor, and authorize him or them to establish a female school, such as the Synod may designate, and pledge to him or them all the patronage of the Church in this view, so far as this can be enlisted; the person or persons so undertaking to run all the pecuniary risks, and to keep all the pecuniary profits—the Church securing nothing but the education of her daughters. Or,

2. Let the Synod contract with one or more individuals to furnish $———, with a view to give such seminary a foundation and beginning, on condition of a return of ——— per cent. on all income beyond $———. Or,

3. Let a certain number of wealthy members of the Church be secured, who will contribute each $———, constituting an endowment fund; let these persons be a Board, or form one from their own number, who will assume the enterprise and conduct it in the name of and for the Church, taking the net profit as the interest on the investment, the Church engaging her patronage to the extent of her ability.

II.—*On the principle of Synodical enterprise.*

Let the Synod itself make arrangements to raise $———, as a building and endowment fund; constitute a Board, and through the Board take the whole management of the institution into its own hands—the income above current expenses to be annually added to the endowment fund, until it shall reach the sum of $———; after which it shall be given to benevolence as the Synod judge best.

In either case, let it be known as the Reformed Female College.

Now, take either of these principles or modes, and your committee believe that the enterprise is feasible. But as this is a late day at which to begin the interest, the committee are most inclined to that scheme which would place the school, from the start, at as advanced a

point, in the way of prestige and full educational power as possible inasmuch as it will be compelled to compete from the beginning with others which have been long since established, and have grown in character and solidity. We should now start at the point we would at the present occupy by regular growth, had we labored in this department as we should have done with other Churches from the beginning.

With the hope that the Synod will at least now begin to do something in this direction, that may eventuate in the establishment of a high-toned and positively Christian Female Seminary in the bosom of our Reformed Zion, we respectfully submit this report.

D. GANS, *Chairman.*

The report was received and referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. John M. Titzel, Cyrus Cort, Henry Mosser, and Elders George Cook and David Eschbach. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report on the Female Seminary, beg leave to report:

That they agree with the views expressed in this report, as regards the importance of female education, and the necessity of the Synod doing something to promote it among its membership. They believe, however, that whatever is done, should be done on the principle of individual enterprise. They accordingly recommend the following action:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to devise some definite plan of action for Synod in regard to a Female Seminary, on the principle of individual enterprise, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That said committee be instructed to make efforts to select a suitable place, and to secure a proper person for the establishment of such Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the first resolution of the foregoing report consists of the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, Prof. Theodore Appel, Samuel G. Wagner, and Elders Charles Santee and Abraham Bausman.

The report of the committee on the propriety of organizing a Business Convention of Laymen, the consideration of which had been deferred until the present sessions by the Synod at Lewisburg, Pa., was taken up. After some discussion, the subject was referred to a committee, consisting of Elder John Wiest, Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Cyrus Cort, Samuel H. Giesy, and Elder Joseph Laubach, with instructions to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, petitioned Synod to take into earnest consideration the general literary interests of our Church, and, if possible, initiate measures for the establishment of a German Reformed University, or some institution of a kindred character. The general subject embraced in this petition was considered in connection with the consideration of the propositions submitted by the Committee from Franklin and Marshall Colleges.

On the morning of the third day of the sessions, the Hon. John Cessna appeared in Synod as the representative of a committee appointed by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. He stated that he had certain propositions to submit to the cosideration of Synod, on behalf of the Trustees, involving a re-construction of the Board; and asked Synod to fix a time when she would hear and act upon the propositions. The hearing of the propositions was made the order of the day for the following morning at the opening of the session. At the time appointed, the propositions were received and some remarks heard in explanation of their nature and design. They were then referred to a committee consisting of one member from each Classis represented in Synod. The committee consists of the following persons: Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, John Beck, Franklin W. Kremer, John M. Titzel, Samuel H. Giesy, John C. Hensell, George W. Welker, Dr. Philip Schaff, William G. Engle, David E Klopp, Israel S. Weisz, and Elders Henry Shriver, George Cook, Rudolph F. Kelker, David Eschbach, and Henry F. Trautman. This committee submitted their report. It was received, and after a full discussion, and several amendments, adopted. The report, as amended and adopted, is as follows:

The committee on Franklin and Marshall College respectfully report, that the following "Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees," was placed in their hands:

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, May 24, 1866.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to present the whole subject of erection of additional buildings, and the other wants of the College, to the citizens of Lancaster city and county; one of these to present the same subject to the members of the Board; and one of them to appear in person before the Synod of the German Reformed Church at York, with a view of urging upon its consideration the general interests of the College, and of obtaining the funds necessary to secure the objects contemplated in the report now under consideration, and that in the judgment of the Board not less than $200,000 should be secured, not more than $50,000 of which sum shall be appropriated to the erection of additional buildings.

Resolved, That the Board shall consist of thirty Trustees, with the present ratio of members of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the seats of all the members of the Board shall be declared vacant on the evening of Tuesday of next Commencement, (1867), and the new Board shall meet and organize on Wednesday morning of said Commencement.

Resolved, That the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United State of America, shall select thirty persons as members of this Board, at their meeting in the fall of 1866—three for one, three for two, and a like number for three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten years each.

That at each succeeding meeting of said Synod, they shall elect three members of this Board, to take their seats at the next annual meeting, in lieu of those whose term of office shall then expire.

That no member of the Faculty shall be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to bring the wants of the College before the Board at its next meeting, be authorized to request Synod to elect Trustees as herein provided, to take and hold office, upon condition that the desired change of the charter shall be secured from the Legislature at the session of 1867.

Believing that the educational interests of the Church lie at the foundation of all our benevolent enterprises, and deeply impressed with the necessity of immediate steps on the part of Synod to advance these interests, after full and earnest discussion of the subject, your committee unanimously agreed to recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod accede to the proposal of the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, to transfer to it the control of the College by vesting in it the exclusive right of electing a new Board of Trustees, and filling the same from year to year in the manner specified by them, and consistent with the charter.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of this right, Synod feel it their duty to raise at least $100,000 towards the fuller endowment of the Institution, and to put it on such a basis as will enable it to compete with the leading literary institutions of the State, and to make it every way worthy of its past history and character, and adequate to the growing wants of the German Reformed Church in this country.

3. *Resolved*, Further, that in assuming this trust, and providing for its present necessities, this Synod declares their purpose to hold it under such condition as will enable them to combine, if deemed advisable, with the present college organization, other educational interests of the German Reformed Church in a more comprehensive way. The consolidation contemplated in this resolution shall go into effect, so far as the removal of the Theological Seminary to Lancaster is concerned, as soon as $50,000 shall be raised by the citizens of Lancaster city and county, and the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for the general interests of the united institutions.

4. *Resolved*, That this action is taken with the understanding, that the Trustees apply a sufficient portion of the funds to be raised

by Synod, and from other sources, to the erection of the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the Faculty and students, and the founding of a Professorship of Belles Lettres and Elocution.

5. *Resolved*, That a committee of three laymen and two ministers be appointed to confer with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for the purpose of raising this additional endowment in the way they may deem best.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. AUGHINBAUGH, *Chairman.*

It was

Resolved, That the committee to whom the subject of the College was referred, be a committee to nominate persons to compose the Board of Trustees, according to the propositions submitted by the Board.

The committee submitted the following nominations, which were received, and the nominees elected by acclamation:

TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Hon. John Cessna, D. W. Gross, and C. Hager, for ten years: Charles Santee, Jacob Bausman, and J. L. Atlee, M. D., for nine years; John Wiest, Hon. J. W. Killinger, and Hon. J. Buchanan, for eight years; George Z. Kunkel, G. S. Griffith, and D. W. Patterson, for seven years; Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Jacob Heyser, and Judge Hayes, for six years; John Heilman, Judge H. G. Long, and C. B. Grubb, for five years; Rev. B. Bausman, R. F. Kelker, and James L. Reynolds, for four years; Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, Hon. Joseph Laubach and Benjamin F. Shenk, for three years; John L. Riegel, Wm. Mayberry, M.D., and A. Herr Smith, for two years; and Henry Wirt, W. H. Lawall, and Thomas E. Franklin, for one year.

It was made the order of the day at the opening of the morning session of the third day of the sessions, to receive the report of the committee to revise the Provisional Liturgy. At the time appointed the following report was received from the committee:

Report of the Liturgical Committee.

During the past ecclesiastical year, the committee appointed to revise the Liturgy have held three meetings, all in Lancaster, including altogether twenty-four sessions; which, added to the number previously reported, give a total of six meetings, and forty-five sessions, earnestly devoted to the work placed in their hands. It is with much satisfaction, as well as sincere gratitude to God, they find themselves now able to report that the work is at last happily complete. An arrangement was made in May last for having it pub-

lished by the Publication Board of the Church; since which time, it has been successfully carried through the press, under the supervision and care of a special sub-committee appointed for the purpose. It forms a handsome volume of 388 pages; and the book, now ready for use, is herewith submitted to Synod for its examination and approval.

An additional bill of expenses has been incurred in the prosecution of the committee's heavy and responsible work, amounting to one hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents ($119 42), for which the Synod is respectfully asked to provide payment.

J. W. NEVIN,
E. V. GERHART,
L. H. STEINER,
Committee of Publication.

In the same connection, the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, offered a paper containing a statement of the reasons for his having been unable to co-operate with the committee during the past year, or to unite with them in rendering their final report. After some discussion, the statement, at his own request, was withdrawn and ordered not to be embodied in the Minutes of Synod.

The subject, after considerably further discussion, was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the Liturgy, together with the Liturgy revised, be referred to a committee, with instructions to report at the opening of the morning session on the sixth day of the sessions. This committee consists of the Rev. Theodore Appel, Dietrich Willers, John Beck, and Elders Charles Santee, and Lewis H. Knode. At the time appointed, this committee submitted their report. It was received and discussed at intervals through several sessions. The discussion was at length brought to a close by a call for the previous question. The report was then, with some amendments, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the Liturgy beg leave to submit the following report:

The documents placed in our hands consist of the final report of the Liturgical Committee, and a copy of the Revised Liturgy, which has been presented to the Synod at this meeting.

Inasmuch as the Synod has been engaged now for many years in the preparation of this Liturgy, it has been deemed proper by the committee, to give a brief history of this movement so far as the Synod itself has been concerned in bringing it to its present form. we hope, will serve to give all the members of this Synod an in- ıt view of the whole case as it now stands.

It appears that the first movement in this direction was made by the Classis of East Pennsylvania, which requested the Synod of Lancaster, in 1847, to make arrangements to prepare a new Liturgy. This request was heeded, and the whole subject was referred to the several Classes for consideration. *Min. p.* 68.

At the Synod of Hagerstown, in 1848, it appears that the Classis, which had initiated this movement, recommended to Synod to adopt immediate measures for the formation of a new Liturgy; the remainder of the Classes, with a single exception, seemed to favor the movement in this direction. *Min. p.* 21.

The subject of a new Liturgy was thereupon made the order of the day, and after a long and earnest discussion was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. D. Zacharias, Rev. J. F. Mesick, and the Elders George Besore and Wm. Cameron, to report next year.

This committee reported the year following, 1849, at Norristown, earnestly advocating the propriety and importance of Liturgies in general, and urging the necessity of a new Liturgy as called for by the wants of the Church. The report, as found in pp. 79, 80, 81 of the minutes of that Synod, was adopted.

A committee was then appointed to prepare a Plan or Schedule of the new Liturgy, embracing the outline of such a work for the next Synod, with instructions and directions. The committee consisted of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D., Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., Rev. E. Heiner, D.D., Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D., Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, Rev. H. Harbaugh, Rev. Jos. F. Berg, D.D., and the Elders Wm. Heyser, J. C. Bucher, Dr. C. Schaeffer and Hon. G. C. Welker.

At the Synod of Martinsburg, next year, 1850, the committee, through its Chairman, Dr. Nevin, reported that they had not deemed it expedient as yet to go forward with the work, and expressed some doubt whether the time had as yet arrived to consider the question of a new Liturgy. The report was adopted, and notwithstanding its discouraging character, the committee was continued.

At the Synod of Lancaster, 1851, the committee again reported that they had made no progress. Dr. Nevin having resigned his position as Chairman, Dr. Schaff was appointed in his place, and Rev. T. C. Porter was added to the committee, with instructions to report as soon as possible. *Min. p.* 82.

At the Synod of Baltimore, in 1852, the committee reported, through the Chairman, Dr. Schaff, 1st, *A plan of the proposed Liturgy;* and 2d. *The principles on which the Liturgy should be constructed*, together with several specimens of the work. The report, as a whole, was adopted, and may be found in pp. 82, 83, 84 of the Minutes. The suggestions contained in this report, and adopted by the Synod as instructions to the committee, are full and explicit, and we can simply direct the attention of Synod to them, as indicating the particular character of the Liturgy, which is there sketched out. The committee was continued, and the names of Dr. Zacharias, the

Elders George Shafer and John Rodenmayer were substituted in the places of Dr. Berg, John C. Bucher, and Dr. Shafer. It was further enlarged by the addition of the name of Dr. S. R. Fisher.

Nothing was reported at the Synod of Philadelphia in 1853, nor at that of Lewisburg in 1854.

At the Synod of Chambersburg, in 1855, the committee reported that they had made considerable progress, and had prepared stated forms for the new Liturgy, in compliance with the instructions of the Synod of Baltimore three years before, and proposed that that Synod should allow them to publish a *provisional* Liturgy for examination and optional use in the Church. This proposition was acceded to, and provision made for its publication. Dr. E. V. Gerhart was added to the committee.—*Minutes, pp.* 80, 81.

Two years after this, at the Synod of Allentown, in 1857, a report was made that the Liturgy had been completed and published for provisional use in the Church. The report was adopted, and the committee were thanked in very flattering terms for their services in the preparation of the work.

Three years after this, at the Synod of Lebanon, in 1860, the committee made their final report and were discharged. The Liturgy was now already in circulation, and the Synod submitted it to the Classes for examination, with the request to report at the next Synod.—*Minutes, p.* 115.

At the Synod of Easton, the year following, 1861, the action of the Classes was reported at large, containing various suggestions, whereupon the Liturgy was placed in the hands of the original committee for revision, and the principles which should guide them in the revision distinctly stated. They were requested to consider the suggestions made by the Classes, so far as the general unity of the work would allow, and in a way that would not be inconsistent with established Liturgical principles and usages, or with the doctrinal and devotional genius of the German Reformed Church. They were further instructed to report at the next meeting of Synod, so as to bring the work to the desired consummation during the Tercentenary year.—*See p.* 77.

At this stage of the movement, the committee again became embarrassed. There was a decided difference of opinion in regard to the precise nature of the revision required, and it was thought best not to go forward with the work, but to ascertain once more the mind of the Church. They therefore submitted to the Synod of Chambersburg, in 1862, a lengthy report, in pamphlet form, on the Liturgical question, prepared by Dr. Nevin, discussing the general principles of Liturgical worship, pointing out the difference between what was termed an altar and pulpit Liturgy, and presenting the case in a fair and honorable manner, in order that the Synod and Church might act intelligently in the premises. A minority report was read by Dr. Somberger, proposing to adopt the Provisional Liturgy already published, with a number of changes, omissions, etc. This led to a very

animated discussion, which continued for several days, at the end of which it was thought advisable to give the Church further time for reflection upon the whole matter, and the Synod decided, by a large majority, that the optional use of the Liturgy should be continued for ten years from the time of its publication, and that the whole question of its revision should be postponed for the present.

Two years after this, at the Synod of Lancaster, in 1864, the subject of the Liturgy was again brought before the Synod, by the action of the General Synod of Pittsburgh, in 1863, recommending Synod to go forward with the work of revising the Liturgy *according to its own judgment*, so as to have the work completed by the next meeting of the General Synod this Fall. At this Synod, Dr. L. H. Steiner and Rev. Thomas G. Appel, were substituted in the places of Dr. Heiner and Elder Heyser.—*Minutes, p.* 176.

These instructions, after much diligent labor, have been faithfully carried out, and as the result of their labors, continued for the last three years, embracing forty-five sessions in all, we have now before us the Revised Liturgy, printed and prepared for the examination of Synod. The work bears on its face the indications of unwearied patience and perseverance, of self-denying toil, of an elevated and devotional taste, of much study and reflection, and an undeniable purpose to serve the Church and the cause of Christ. It is questionable whether more labor and earnestness of purpose have ever been bestowed on any similar work, in Europe or in this country.

From the history of the progress and consummation of the work before us, as it has been just given, the committee are of the opinion, that the Liturgy, as now presented to the Church, is fully as much the work of the Synod as of the committee. It must be conceded that the committee have acted with prudence and respect for the instructions of Synod at each step they have undertaken in the prosecution of their labors, and that all along they have been prompted and urged forward in their work by the special action of the Synod. It is, therefore, the legitimate child of this Synod. Whether it will ever come into general use among our congregations or not, it is evident that for all time to come, it will be a monument to the learning, ability, piety and devotion of its authors to the liturgical idea, which they have so well comprehended.

The revised edition just published and reported to Synod, comes recommended to us as an improvement on its predecessor. It might indeed be presumed, judging from the amount of labor bestowed on the revision, and taking into consideration the experience which the committee were enabled to bring to the work, that this should be the case. Various changes have been made in it, so as to make it more suitable for use in divine worship, while the spirit, aim, and general character of the old Provisional Liturgy have been retained. The work, however, is in the hands of the members of the Synod, and they are in a condition to judge of its merits.

The committee propose the following action to the Synod:

1. *Resolved,* That our thanks are due, and are hereby rendered to the great Head of the Church, that this work, so far as Synod is concerned with it, has been brought to a termination.

2. *Resolved,* That the thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to the committee, for the zeal, ability and unrequited toil which they have displayed in the prosecution of their work, from the beginning to the end.

3. *Resolved,* That the *Revised Liturgy* be referred to the General Synod for action, and that, in the mean time, the optional use of the *Revised Liturgy* be authorized, in the place of that of the Provisional Liturgy, within the limits of the Eastern Synod, until the whole question be finally settled by the various Classes and the General Synod, according to the Constitution of our Church.

4. *Resolved,* That the expenses of the committee, $119.42, be ordered to be paid by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

T. APPEL, *Chairman.*

In the action of Synod on this report, a division of the last resolution was called and sustained. The first clause was adopted unanimously; and the latter clause, by the following vote of yeas and nays:

YEAS:—J. Beck, C. J. Becker, I. K. Loos, J. Laubach, G. Wolff, A. S. Leinbach, B. Bausman, Samuel Miller, R. E. Addams, J. Zeigler, J. O. Miller, W. R. Zieber, W. P. F. Davis, H. Shriver, W. A. Wilt, P. Spangler, J. S. Foulk, G. W. Glessner, J. W. Santee, J. Kuelling, J. M. Titzel, J. H. A. Bomberger, A. G. Dole, J. Dahlman, Jr., S. R. Fisher, S. H. Giesy, S. G. Wagner, C. Santee, J. C. Hensell, L. Rinker, I. G. Brown, A. R. Kremer, C. Cort, W. M. Deatrick, L. H. Knode, G. Cook, G. W. Aughinbaugh, P. Schaff, T. Appel, W. Mosser, W. G. Engel, J. Kretzing, D. E. Klopp, J. W. Ebbinghaus, F. J. Mohr, J. Fritzinger, S. H. Reid, H. Hoffman, S. Kuhn, W. H. Groh, I. S. Weisz, D. Willers, and A. Fluck.—Total 53.

NAYS:—F. W. Kremer, D. Levan, F. Achey, J. Wiest, D. A. Plecker, G. W. Welker, W. T. Gerhard, R. F. Kelker, C. Gast, A. Bausman, D. Eschbach, J. M. Follmar, M. Brown, and T. Butler. —Total 14.

In the foregoing action of Synod, it was understood, that the vote on the adoption of the report, did not commit those who voted for it as to the merits of the book.

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, the Rev. William M. Deatrick, John Ault, and Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to come before Synod. The committee reported such applications from time to time.

The Committee on Nominations reported on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions. The report was received, amended and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions at 11 o'clock, and the Stated Clerk instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed the election was held. Rev. Lucian Cort and Samuel Kuhn were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result.

The following statement was received from the President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

"The undersigned, President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, begs leave to present to this Synod a brief statement of its condition and needs:

The Society designs to provide relief for three classes of persons:

1. The widows of ministers who are members of the Society.
2. Ministers themselves who are members and need relief.
3. The widows of ministers, not members, of the German Reformed Church, who are poor and require pecuniary support to keep them from starving.

The funds amount to $6,350, which are all properly invested. From the proceeds appropriations are now made to the relief of four widows. The Society receives applications from disabled, indigent ministers, and from dependent widows of ministers who were not members, to which applications the Society, for want of sufficient resources, is unable to respond. This painful fact shows the necessity of speedily increasing the funds of this benevolent organization, a cause which, we believe, if properly represented to the people, would call forth a hearty response and liberal support.

We therefore request Synod to recommend to the Classes to take whatever measures may be deemed most expedient, to have the claims of this Society explained to the people, and a collection taken up in its behalf in every congregation during the coming Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *Pres. Soc., R. M. W.*"

Resolved, That the request of the Society in regard to having its claims explained to the people, and a collection taken up in its behalf in every congregation during the year, be acceded to.

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ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod returns its sincere thanks to the members of the two Reformed Churches of this place and their pastors, as well as to other citizens of York and vicinity, for the very kind hospitality which they have extended to its members during its present sessions, and pray that the promises left on record in God's word to those given to hospitality, may be realized by them; and that the pastors be requested to read this resolution from their respective pulpits, and also request its publication in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to return the thanks of this Synod to those Railroad Companies for their courtesy and kindness, which have allowed its members to pass over their various roads at reduced rates.

The Roll was called and none were found absent without excuse.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet again in the Third German Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., on the third Wednesday in October, A. D., 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with singing and prayer, and the apostolic benediction by the President.

JOHN S. FOULK, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

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STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Losses.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contrib'n.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph S. Dubbs, D.D.,	5	Egypt, Union, &c.,	1280	1110	160	152		915		5	67	10		$157 25	Emmaus, Lehigh County, Penna.
John Zuilch,	6	Jacob's, &c.,	1215	918	110	108		878			46	10			Mistnavilla, do do
Wm. A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel,	1560	1600	100	101		1100		70	52	9	800	325 85	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	8	Kutztown,	1584	1260	150	110		1110	1	15	30	10		146 00	Kutztown, Berks County, do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill,	550	425	50	29		340			19			8 50	Jackson Corner, Monroe Co., do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua,	458	300	80	18	5	350		4	30	5		175 60	Catasauqua, Lehigh do do
A. J. Herman,	7	Zion,	1150	1050	95	34		970		1	22	11		74 50	Maxatawny, Berks do do
D. F. Brendle,	5	Farmersville,	629	500	66	80		480			30	6			Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa.
Isaac K. Loos,	4	Mt. Bethel,	626	519	44	46	4	480		2	26	8		265 90	Richmond, do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	682	460	38	27	10	450		6	23	2	431	1608 75	Easton, do do
D. Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem,	850	600	69	43	40	668		10	31	6	350	966 07	Bethlehem, do do
E. W. Reinecke,	4	Plainfield,	800	600	75	32		650			36	5		123 75	Nazareth, do do
W. R. Hofford,	4	Lower Saucon,	570	450	38	52		450			16	7		253 60	Allentown, Lehigh do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Hamilton,	365	300	27	40		246			18	5		67 28	Fennersville, Monroe do
Abr. Bartholomew,	3	Weissport,	525	560	104	65		410			57	7		60 72	Lehighton, Carbon do
J. F. Jahnke,		No charge.													
N. S. Strassburger,	1	First Ch., Allentown,	650	500	63	22	7	396		9	28	1	215	273 75	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	5	Kreidersville,	860	900	84	29		660		1	31	5		64 00	Kreidersville, Northampton do
E. J. Fogel,		Assist. to Rev. Helfrich,													Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Samuel Philips,	1	Second Ch., Allentown,													Allentown, do do
	2	Tamaqua, supplied by Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz,	510	505											
	1	South Easton, supplied by Rev. D. F. Brendle,	50		8	5	7	392 41				2 1		12 00	

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Congr.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
P. Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
J. Gring,	4	Fredericksburg ch.,	327	282	32	25		256			17	3			Fredericksburg, Lebanon do
A. L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1500		229	112		1300			49	12	1220		Reading, Berks do
A. S. Leinbach,	6	Schwartzwald, &c.,	900		175	111		800			88	6		$140 26	do do
F. W. Kremer,	1	1st ch., Lebanon,	825	725	76	49	23	525		16	31	1		626 09	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven ch.,	675	350	75	14		550			34	6	300	167 75	Schulkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
W. A. Good,		Without charge,			2							2	280	17 00	Reading, Berks do
J. E. Hiester,	4	Palmyra,	420	250	28	14		330		4	18	4	125	257 55	Annville, Lebanon do
H. Wagner,		Without charge,													Lebanon, do do
C. F. McCauley,	1	2nd ch., Reading,	225		27	21	7	205		5	9	1	202	246 25	Reading, Berks do
S. Miller,		Without charge,													Pottsville, Schuylkill do
T. C. Leinbach,	6	Bernville,	1050	700	110	83		825			45	12	800	194 17	Womelsdorf, Berks do
G. Wolff,	1	Meyerstown,	410	310	53	50	16	300	2	6	20	1	200	610 98	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
D. W. Wolff,		Without charge,													Arendtsville, Adams do
C. H. Heilman,	2	Jonestown,	285	220	15	11	6	175		1	6	2	125	102 00	Jonestown, do do
H. Bokum,		Without charge,													Washington City, D. C.
B. Bausman,	1	1st ch., Reading,	1175		75	109	34	1000		12	46	2	650	932 00	Reading, Berks do
Th. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's ch., Lebanon,	100	80	9	11	4	80		3	5	1	100	565 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Ch. H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	1000	600	78	93	8	900		6	30	4	300	364 44	Stouchsburg, Berks do
Jno. Phil. Stein,	2	St. John's ch. Schl. H.,	175	175	32	25	11	144			13	2	300	213 26	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill do
J. Caspar Bucher,	1	Pottsville,	133	85	29	16	35	125		1	2	1	127	82 63	Pottsville, do do
J. C. Julius Kurtz,		Tamaqua,													Tamaqua, do do
Eli E. Hiester,	3	Hanover,	190	150	17		4	100		2	15	3	100	15 00	Grantville, Dauphin do
J. B. Poerner,	2	Minersville,	220	200	30	26		140			6	2	200	85 25	Minersville, Schuylkill do
L. K. Derr,	1	Mahanoy City Mission,													Mahanoy City, do do
D. B. Albright,	2	Orwigsburg,	300		5	7		105			8	2			Orwigsburg, do do
A. S. Vaughan,		Without charge,													Reading, Berks do
J. H. Schläppig,		Licentiate.													
Vacant,	2	St. Clair,	128	110	32		12	115		10	12	2	142	42 85	
Supplied by G. Wolff and C. H. Leinbach,	2	Host and Christ,	400	300		30		310						121 00	
Supplied by G. Wolff,	2	Womelsdorf, Mt. Aetna,	330	300			12	290		4		2	120		

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German),	432	204				330				3	180		York, York county, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Littlestown,	525	300	30	3	1	450		4	20	3		$108 41	Littlestowm, Adams do
F. W. Vandersloot,	4	Windsor,	300	250				260				4			York, York do
Daniel Riegel,	3	Dillsburg,	300	175	20			223		1	12	3			Dillsburg, do do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Paradise,	700	550				480				5			York, do do
W. C. Bennett,		Without charge,													Boiling Springs, Cumb. do
David Bossler,	5	Liverpool,	138					138				5			York, York do
J. O. Miller,	1	York (English),	300	325		24	10	200				3			do do do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	490	325	50	45		426			25	8		144 50	Shrewsbury, do do
W. K. Zieber,	1	Hanover,	350	250	48	8	14	300		6	20	1	150	387 83	Hanover, do do
J. M. Mickley,															Akron, Ohio.
Samuel Philips,	1	Carlisle,	388	316	11	17	11	305		4	7	1	275	300 00	Allentown, do
John Ault,	3	Mechanicsburg,	260	200	20	13	5	240		4	11	3			Mechanicsburg, do
W. F. P. Davis,	5	Abbotstown,	500	300				419				5			New Oxford, Adams do
David W. Kelley,	4	Bloomfield,	335	157	12	28	6	275		1	7	4	200	687 94	Bloomfield, Perry do
W. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	381	212	23	15	10	370		6	16	2	160	187 00	Gettysburg, Adams do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emanuel's,	600	400	63	77	3	556		1	17	8		120 00	Codorus, York do
James A. Schultz,	4	Landisburg,	342	300	12	10	3	292			9		150	250 58	Landisburg, Perry do
W. D. Lefevre,	3	Sulphur Spring,	229		6			136				3		48 11	Martinsburg, W. Va.
W. D. C. Rodrock,	2	Zion's,	250	248	13			245		4	8	4	140		Blain, Perry do
Vacant,	4	Conowago,	287	210				280							
Vacant,	3	York Springs,													
John W. Bentz,		Licentiate,													Carlisle, do
John A. Hoffheins,		Licentiate,													do do

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Conge.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st ch., Baltimore,	216	212	11	8	6	176		3	12	1	180	$590 00	Baltimore, Md.
Vacant,	1	2nd do do													do
John S. Foulk,	1	3rd do do	256	187	21	11	26	220		3	16	1	302	440 00	do
John Kuelling,	1	4th do do	567	320	104	34	34	525		17	18	1	160	552 00	do
D. Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick City,	491	413	44	28	14	430		5	34	2	450	600 00	Frederick City, Md.
Fred. A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	370	340	46	32	1	350		16	14	4	250	146 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., Md.
Wm. F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson,	304	296	19	15	3	286		8	14	3	150	126 00	Jefferson, do do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	390	300	32	15		380		1	9	4	120	80 00	Cavetown, Washington do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	Taneytown,	450	300	44	1	5	325		7	11	2	100	109 00	Taneytown, Carroll do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	2	Boonsboro,	126	73	11	3	1	100			5	2	120	8 00	Boonsboro, Washington do
John W. Hoffmeier,	6	Manchester,	500	180	63	35	2	450			20	6	200	120 00	Manchester, Carroll do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade,	404	313	33	38		390		1	3	5	350	150 00	Walkersville, Frederick do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg,	325	248	4	5	8	290		8	7	2	40	216 00	Emmittsburg, do do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkittsville,	80	45	5	5	1	80		4	4	1	62		Burkittsville, do do
Vacant,	4	Mechanicstown,	259	202	16	5		231		3	7	2	117		Mechanicstown, do do
Robert Douglas,	3	Mt. Moriah,	242	175	17		2	200		2	5	3	300		Shepherdstown, Va.
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	100	80	2		9	100			3	2	120		Clearspring, Md.
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th ch., Baltimore,	350	251	75	25	40	290		29	21	1	135	120 00	Baltimore do
Benj. Schneider, D. D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria.
C. Scheel,	1	Hagerstown, 2nd ch.,	153	70	22	18		134			1	1	75	10 00	Hagerstown, Md.
George W. Glessner,	1	St. John's ch., Fred'k,	109	98	4		9	90			2	1	95	14 00	Frederick City, do
W. H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,													do do
George L. Staley,		do do													Petersville, Frederick do
Vacant,	2	Hagerstown,	250	200	6	4	6	180		4	8	1	150	180 00	Hagerstown, do
Vacant,	1	Silver Run,	375		25	43		280			15	2		59 00	Silver Run, Carroll do
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,													Greencastle, Pa.
C. B. Wolff,		Licentiate,													Chestertown, Md.
W. Ida,		Suspended.													

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

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H. Getzendanner,	2	Middlebrook,	158					158				2			Middlebrook, Augusta Co., Va.
J. C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	269		48	39	23	221		23	25	4			Mt. Crawford, Rockingham do
H. St. J. Rinker,	4	Mi l Creek,	300		31	35		275		5	35	3			Edenburg, Shenandoah do
D. G. Bragonier,	2	Edenburg,	38		7	8		38			6	1			do do
G. H. Martin,	3	Woodstock,	190		12	12		190			3	1			Woodstock, do do
Vacant,	2	Winchester,													Winchester, do
H. Wissler,	1	Shepherdstown,	145		3	4	2	135			4	2			Shepherdstown, Jefferson do
W. D. Lefevre,	1	Martinsburg,	176					176							Martinsburg, Berkley do
Supplied by H. Wissler,	1	Loudon,	110					110							Lovettsville, do
Vacant,	2	Central charge.													
Vacant,	1	Pendleton.													

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Lantz,	4	Newton,	190	140	12	12		190			2	1			Newton, N. C.
G. Wm. Welker,	3	Guilford,	284	200	21	36	2	284			7	2			Shaw's Mills, do
Jer. Ingold,	3	Grace.	134	169				134			2				Lincolnton, do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	324		16	20	17	324		1	6	2			Salisbury, do
P. A. Long,	4	L. Davidson,	150	200				150							Lexington, do
Thomas Long,	4	Up. do	140	150				140				3			Salem, do
J. A. Cecil,	2	West Rowan,	225		4	9	9	225		1	13	1			China Grove, do
John Ingle,	2	Missionary,													do do
J. C. Denny,	1	Haw River,													Monticello, do
Vacant,	3	Catawba,													Newton, do
M. L. Hedrick,		Licentiate,													Lexington, do

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congr.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
S. Helffenstein, D. D.,		Superannuated,													Gwynedd, Montgomery Co., Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, DD.	1	Race Street,	311	176	9	21	22	261		12	7	3	700	$5142 50	No. 493 N. 4th St., Phila., do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	652	430	194	50	17	600	2	12	70	2	325	271 00	No. 1230 N. 6th St., do do
J. G. Wichle,	1	Salem's,	1050	680	349	95	113	1490		10	170	3	600	1321 02	No. 530 St. John St., do do
S. G. Wagner,	1	Boehm's,	244	112	11	17	3	208		2	10	1	110	79 71	Blue Bell, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	White Marsh,	126	58	6	7	5	105			2	1		33 45	
J. B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	160	80	20	36	4	280				5	235	867 50	Chester Springs, Chester do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	135												
A. B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	548	80	15	18	2	353			6	3	300	525 00	Trappe, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	Phœnixville,	42					34			1	1	75		
Wm. Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	345	60	33	28	7	305			3	5	230	522 55	Vincent, Chester do
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,	150			1	2	146		4		1		160 00	Prospectville, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	St. Peter's,	65				4	65							
W. G. Hackman,	1	Wentz's,	220		11			180			6	1		170 00	Kulpsville, do do
S. H. Giesy,	1	Fifth Reformed Ch.,	155	70	6	12	35	142		11	2	1	218	5462 62	No. 2043 Wallace St., Phila., do
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem,	489	334	120	38	47	484		16	46	2	375	1517 00	No. 1304 Howard do do
J. Dahlman, jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	125	135	15		16	85	2	3	5	1	120	1560 26	No. 413 N. 38th do do
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephan's,	161		58	16	14	131			11	1	180	23 00	No. 2023 Girard Av., do do
J. Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Bethlehem,	67	49	15	7	16	67		12	7	1	46	64 56	Glassboro, New Jersey.
A. v. Pilchelstein, D.D.,	1	Egg Harbor,	119	83	26	8	3	80		3	9	1	120	5 00	Egg Habor city, N. J.
Daniel Gans, D.D,	1	Ch. of the Ascension,	121	49	10	1	1	100			2	1	75	120 00	Norristown, Pa.
J. C. Hauser,	1	St. Paul's,	120	140	48	7	24	80			4	1	90	60 00	No. 621 S. 17th St., Phila., do
John Gantenbein,	1	Bridesburg,	96	200	22	8	12	96			13	1	170		992 N. 7th do do
A. G. Dole,	1	St. John's,	30	30	3	10	12	30			1	1	80		408 N. 35th do do
S. R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. of G.R.Messenger,													54 N. 6th do do
J. P. Pfister,		Miss'y among Emig'ts,													2124 Fulton Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.
S. Helffenstein, jr.,		Without charge,													Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.
J. S. Ermentrout,		do													Reading, do
Chas. Lukens,		do													Frankford, Phila., do
E. M. Long,		do													Tremont, Schuylkill do
G. D. Wolff,		do													Norristown, do
Chas. W. Schultz,		do													Camden, N. J.
Henry Miller,		do													Schuylkill, Chester do

Without charge, { F. W. Dechant, No. 1444 Camac St., Phila., Pa.
George Leidy, Norristown, Pa.

Licentiates, { Fred. Pilgram, West Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.
J. E. Lang, Archibald, Luzerne Co., Pa.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

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B. S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	2d ch., Chambersburg,	46	38	6	4	3	42		4	2	1	30	$27 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	7	Woodcock Valley,	550	600	53	41	5	535		2	24	3	225	206 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford,	288	202	15	33	8	280		22	6	3	120	364 00	Bedford, Bedford do
Jacob Hassler,	1	Shippensburg,	182	150	15	13	2	178		7	5	1	100	154 68	Shippensburg, Cumberl'd do
Wm. M. Deatrick,	4	Friend's Cove,	333	315	18	21	22	322		11	11	3	150	506 70	Charlesville, Bedford do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	215	235	11	13	9	203		16	7	1	65	136 71	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Walter E. Krebs,	3	Waynesboro,	336	189	16	32	4	277		3	9	1	120	276 35	Waynesboro, do do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet,	302	274	14	16	9	295		4	4	3	150	369 27	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Abner S. Kremer,	3	Yellow Creek,	200	240	18	27	5	190		6	3	1	80	155 00	Pattonville, Bedford do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	3	Schellsburg,	375	290	30	29	5	365	1	5	7	3	164	110 00	Schellsburg, do do
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	Martinsburg,	211	183	17	11	3	193		3	4	1	36	250 00	Martinsburg, Blair do
Cyrus Cort,	2	Altoona,	85	84	20	15	12	79		3	4			36 50	Altoona, do do
Peter S. Davis,	1	1st ch., Chambersburg,	336	300	18	8	10	275		8	4	1	135	360 31	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Calvin U. Heilman,	5	St. Clairsville,	730	641	117	192	15	631		5	12	6	390	211 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
Frederick A. Gast,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	238	153	13	9	2	194		3	2	2	95	50 00	St. Thomas, Franklin do
Samuel N. Callender,	3	Greencastle,	425	400	27	1	10	375		5	15	3	245	200 00	Greencastle, do do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	McConnellsburg,	155	160	20	9	6	145		3	4	3	175	36 05	McConnellsburg, Fulton do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	3	Huntingdon,	265	270	11	21	2	245		2	6	3	150	25 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Charles G. Fisher,	4	Grindstonehill,	280	290	17	4	5	233		2	4	3	160	69 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Vacant,	4	Strasburg,	131	218	1			111		2	3	1	30	20 00	
Thomas G. Apple,		Pres., Mercersb'g Coll.,													Mercersburg, Franklin do
Henry Harbaugh, D.D.		Prof., Theolog'l Sem.,													do do do
E. E. Higbee,		do													do do do
John Rebaugh,		Superannuated,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
George R. Zacharias,		Without charge,													Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
Jacob B. Kerschner,		Tutor, Theolog'l Sem.,													Mercersburg, do do

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

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Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,													Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Daniel Weiser,		Without charge,													Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Tobickon, &c.,	1215	631	68	68	6	995		6	55	15		$210 13	Sellersville, Bucks do
Clement Z. Weiser,	2	N Goshenhoppen, &c.,	980	600	51	34	6	700	1	2	27	2	380	515 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, &c.,	900	550	91	48	4	815		4	31	6		353 50	Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without charge,													Gilbersville, Montgom'y do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown & Doylest'n,	290	125	25	18	12	270		8	10	2	115	150 00	Hilltown, Bucks do
Jos. Henry Dubbs,	4	Pottstown [G.&E.] &c.,	1050	810	144	101	7	932		5	78	5	650	287 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	800	600	54	33	3	570		2	18	7	270	182 94	Bucksville, Bucks do
Ph. P. A. Hoffman,	5	Friedensburg,	500	144	52	13		380			30	5		140 70	Oley, Berks do
Aug. L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	550	340	55	27		436			54	3	300	217 60	Frederick, Montgomery do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	5	Saucon,	900	780	152	63		800			62	12	650	173 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Lucian Cort,		Without charge,													Quakertown, Bucks do
Simon M. K. Huber,	2	Keely's & Jerusalem,	285	149	12	12	3	250			6	2	205	41 50	Limerick, Montgomery do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Upper Milford,	450	350	45	51	3	400			20	6			Shimersville, Lehigh do
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	140	96	4	6	2	130			2	2			Riegelsville, Bucks do
Vacant,	3	Falconer Swamp, &c.,*	500	324	48	18		450			37	5	350	95 00	New Hanover, Montg'ry do
W.G.Hackman, supply	1	Towamencin,	60		6			50			2	1			Kulpsville do do
D. F. Brendle, do	1	Williams Township,*	104	69										28 32	Bethlehem, Northampt'n do
N. S. Aller, do	1	New Hilltown,	77				2	77		5		1		56 88	Prospectville, Montg'ry do

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CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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J. F. Busche,	1	New York,	250	400	169	41	2	250			6	1	200	$200 00	N. York, N. Y.
L. B. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	122		15	11	27	140		16	17	1	140		Boston, Mass.
Chr. Michel,	1	Rahway,	108		36	9	42	72			2	1	100		Rahway, N. J.
O. Lohr,	1	New Brunswick,	132		38	9	20	129			5	1	80	20 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
G. Seibert, Ph. D.,		Newark,													Newark, N. J.
Ph. Schaff, D.D.,		New York,													New York, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. Willers,	3	Fayette,	141	50	40			71			16	1	50	17 45	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
J. B. Kniest,	1	Buffalo,	613	302	31	12		311			14	1	160	100 00	Buffalo, do
T. Grosshüsch,	1	Ebenezer,	80		5	2		87				1	50	3 00	Ebenezer, Erie do
H. Bentz,	1	Clarence,	50				10	50			1	1	60	30 00	Clarence, do
Ed. Erb,	2	Danville,	124	42	7	1		38		1	12	2	69	17 35	Dansville, Livingston do
E. W. Brasch,	1	Rochester,	90		17			90			7	1	45	83 00	Rochester, do

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
B. C. Wolff, D. D.,		Without charge,													Lancaster, Pa.
A. Helffenstein, Sr.		Superannuated,													Shamokin, do
Daniel Hertz,	5	Ephratah,	315	160	28	22		275	1	11	16	5	250	$90 65	Ephratah, Lancaster Co., Pa.
W. T. Gerhard,	6	Supply,	394	241	26	24	2	270			12	5	200	49 13	Lancaster, do
John Naille,	3	Elizabethtown,	115	96	6	1	2	80			2	1	60	126 00	Elizabethtown, do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Pres. in F. & M. Coll.,													Lancaster, do
John G. Fritchey,		Supply,													do do
John G. Wolff,	1	Columbia,	80		10	7		63				1			do do
A. H. Kremer,	1	1st ch., Lancaster,	481	370	36	33	8	380		23	22	1	350	407 00	do do
E. V. Gerhart, D. D.,	1	College Church,	21	12		1	8	21						63 48	do do
Theo. Appel,		Prof. in F. & M. Coll.,													do do
T. C. Porter, D. D.,		do do													Easton, do
Isaac E. Graeff,	3	Millersville,	200	202	11	9		152			11	3	175	393 25	Lancaster, do
M. A. Smith,	4	Hummelstown,	300	275	39	15	5	210		22	12	4	200	260 00	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Jno. V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	214	100	6	5		132		3	4	3	190	68 00	Quarryville, Lancaster do
Henry Mosser,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	205		18	16	7	170		5	3	1	175	793 32	Lancaster, do
W. H. H. Snyder,	1	1st ch., Harrisburg,	261	179	36	19	13	220		3	19	1	250	1870 00	Harrisburg, do
Frederick Fox,	2	Reamstown & Swamp,*	335					196				2			Stockton, California.
Vacant,	1	2nd ch., Harrisburg,	92		14	11	41	56			1	1	90	70 00	
do	1	New Holland,	100					68				1	70		
do	1	Maytown,	33					28							
do	1	Middletown,	61					52							
Darius W. Gerhard, Amandus F. Ziegler.		Licentiates.													

* Supplied by Rev. T. C. Leinbach.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
I. Shellhammer,	6	Union,	280		65	9		128				4		$19 25	Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
R. Duenger,	1	Ashland,	290		31	23		240			13	1		23 00	Ashland, Schuylkill do
N. E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	364		58	62		239			39	5		30 00	Fishersville, Dauphin do
J. Fritzinger,	8	Mahanoy,	475	400	54	31		375		1	38	8		47 00	Greenbrier, Northumb'ld do
H. Hoffman,	8	Conyngham,	560	340	50	41		420			20	5		77 60	Conyngham, Luzerne do
J. W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	200	170	25	56	5	195	2	5	8	2	220	436 50	Danville, Montour do
G. E. Addams,	3	Mount Zion,	380	325	23		9	293		5	15	2	90	310 00	Turbotville, Northumb'd do
I. Steely,	8	Mahontongo,	500	500	111	75		325			43	4		20 00	Rough & Ready, Sch'lkll do
R. R. Schmidt,*	3	Cherry,	235	160		9		160							York, do
W. C. Cremer,	1	Sunbury,	125	125	12	10	18	106			10	1	125	75 00	Sunbury, Northumberl'd do
H. H. W. Hibschman,	3	Shamokin,	250	190	31	15	11	185			15	3	150	98 94	Shamokin, do do
F. J. Mohr,	4	Berrysburg,	240	200	26	35	6	223		4	8	4		170 00	Millersburg, do
J. Kehm,	6	Uniontown,	530	440	112	97		485		4	38	6		90 00	Pillow, do
S. H. Reid,†	1	Milton,	155	125	13	5	7	145			5	1	100	40 00	Milton, do
L. C. Sheip,†	2	Bloomsburg,	220					190				2		100 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia, do
E. B. Wilson,†	3	Orangeville,	230					210				3		100 00	Orangeville, do
Albert Krahn,†	4	Hazleton,	550		74	33		510			17	3	300		Hazleton, do
A. R. Hottenstein,†	5	North Susquehanna,	250		48	13		150			35	5			Berwick, do
D B Albright,*	2	Paradise,	354	200	16	22		330		4	7	3	200	800 75	Limestoneville, Montour do
Vacant,	3	Lykens Mission,	97	115				97				3			Lykens, Dauphin do
do	4	L. Augusta,	425	250	15	17	2	218			20	3		60 00	Sunbury, Northumberl'd do
do	3	Mt. Carmel,	No report.												Mt. Carmel, do
do	3	Catawissa,													Catawissa, do
do	3	Muncy Mission,													Muncy, do
S. Gutelius,		Without charge.													Lykens, Dauphin do
S. S. Miller,		Principal of Sunbury Classical Institute,													Sunbury, Northumberl'd do
S. Transeau,		Licentiate,													Kutztown, Berks do
D. P. Diehl,		do													Danville, Montour do

* Lately resigned. † Lately taken charge.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl'r.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge													Look Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Jacob Mayer,		do													do do do
Adolph B. Caspar,		do													New Berlin, Union do
David G. Klein,		do													Walker, Centre do
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Adamsburg,	400	384	103	26		400			32			$59 86	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Wm. H. Groh,	4	Boalsburg,	397	415	12	25	7	397		8	12	6		803 79	Boalsburg, Centre do
Wm. M. Reily,	2	Lewisburg,	400	250	25	19	10	300		7	16	2	200	125 00	Lewisburg, Union do
Henry C. Heyser,	6	Liverpool,	225		38	17		225			7	5			Richfield, Juniata do
I. S. Weisz,	1	Williamsport,	100	85	22	2	44	78		7	11	1	45	18 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany,	225	175	16	25	17	210		1	2	2	125	83 42	Walker, Centre do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Aaronsburg,	399	297	13	5	3	192			4	2	125	107 24	Aaronsburg, do do
Ephraim S. Sheip,	4	Bellefonte,	150	130	24	1	1	134		7	10	4		150 00	Bellefonte, do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	5	Rebersburg,	200		23	23	1	200			9	1		34 50	Rebersburg, do do
J. W. Lescher,	5	Selinsgrove,*	272	285				222				5			Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Vacant,	3	Mifflinburg,	450					380							
do	6	New Berlin,													
do	2	White Deer,													
do	4	Nippanose,	424												

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CLASSIS OF CLARION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'rd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Benev. Contributs.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
F. Wise,	1	St. John's,	80	150	10			70			4	1		$ 32 08	South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Curllsville,	260	235	35	4	5	250			9	4	200	256 61	Curllsville, Clarion do
J. H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	81	75	9	5		57		1	3	1	40	23 95	Rimersburg, do do
M. H. Hockman,	3	South Bend Mission,	140	137	14	15		138			2	1	85	105 39	South Bend, Armstrong do
W. C. Haupt,	3	Tylersburg Mission,	70	74	4			70			3	2		57 75	Rimersburg, Clarion do
W. G. Engel,	4	Redbank,	300	200	25	48		200			13	4	150	95 10	Shannondale, do do
J. F. Snyder,	4	Kittanning,	271	207	35	43	12	231		4	4	4	200	146 64	Rural Valley, Armstrong do
D. O. Shoemaker,	4	Petersburg,	500	450	30	40		490			12	4	200	79 93	St. Petersburg, Clarion do
Vacant,	4	Luthersburg,	320					240						12 00	

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
F. Pilgram,	4	Shenango,	450	290	45	64	12	435		5	15	3	300	$282 00	Greenville,	Mercer Co.,	Pa.
J. W. Ebbinghaus,	1	Meadville,	200		49	22		178			7	1	125	372 00	Meadville,	Crawford	do
Vacant,	3	Sharon,	270	310	61			260			3			107 23	Sharon,	Mercer	do
J. S. Shade,	2	Fairview,	376	316	21	44	3	317			1	2			Adams,	Armstrong	do
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	2	Mercer,	120		7	2	1	100			4				Balm,	Mercer	do
G. B. Russell,	1	All Souls,	65	55	8	12	5	58		4	2	1	65	115 00	Alleghany City,		do
J. Kretzing,	3	Decker Run,	150	120	21	16	10	120		1	5			88 00	Cochranton,	Crawford	do
C. A. Limberg,	2	Butler,	157		25	8	10	143		6	2	2	130	139 22	Butler,	Butler	do
C. R. Dieffenbacher,	2	Greenville,	160	120	12	5	12	150		6	4	2	125	113 56	Greenville,	Mercer	do
Vacant,	4	Saegertown,	268					229									
Wm. M. Landis,	2	Harmony,	194	155	10	20	20	140			2	2	154	63 80	Harmony,	Butler	do
Robert Koehler,	1	Titusville,	60	49	9	2	25	34			6	1		35 00	Titusville,	Crawford	do
D. E. Klopp,	2	Watson Run,	200		9		2	177			2			28 50	Meadville,	do	do
Vacant,	1	Rochester,	30					30									
do	2	Petersburg,													do	do	do
H. F. Hartman,		Without charge,													Greenville,	Mercer	do
Abner Dale,		do													Slippery Rock,	Butler	do
Philip Zeiser,		do													New Hamburg,	Mercer	do
D. D. Leberman,		do													Meadville,	Crawford	do
L. D. Leberman,		Corresponding Secretary, Board of Home Missions,													Meadville,	do	do

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East Pennsylvania,	20	80	14,914	12,557	1,361	943	73	10,986	1	123	562	110	1,896	$4,583 53
Lebanon,	28	60	10,868	4,837	1,128	807	172	8,575	2	70	454	71	5,221	4,783 48
Zion,	22	66	7,007	4,722	308	240	63	5,925		31	152	65	1,255	2,234 37
Maryland,	21	40	6,319	4,303	604	325	167	5,507		111	229	47	3,476	3,520 00
North Carolina,	10	29	1,447	859	53	77	28	1,447		2	28	9		
Virginia,	7	24	1,386		101	98	25	1,303		28	73	13		
Philadelphia,	33	29	5,531	2,766	971	380	362	5,322	4	85	375	37	4,049	17,905 17
Mercersburg,	25	60	5,683	5,232	457	499	137	5,168	1	116	136	43	2,620	3,563 56
Goshenhoppen,	16	51	8,801	5,568	807	492	48	7,255	1	32	432	74	2,920	2,451 57
New York,	6	4	612	400	258	70	91	591		16	30	4	520	220 00
Lancaster,	20	35	3,207	1,635	230	163	86	2,373	1	67	102	29	2,010	4,190 83
East Susquehanna,	23	93	6,710	3,540	764	553	58	5,224	2	23	331	68	1,185	2,498 04
West Susquehanna,	11	55	3,642	2,021	276	143	83	3,195		30	103	28	495	1,381 81
Clarion,	8	28	2,022	1,528	162	155	17	1,746		5	50	21	875	809 45
St. Paul's,	16	32	2,700	1,418	277	195	100	2,371		22	53	14	899	1,344 31
West New York,	6	9	1,098	394	100	15	10	647		1	50	7	434	250 70
Total,	275	703	82,047	51,780	7,857	5,155	1520	67,635	12	762	3,160	640	27,855	$49,736 83
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 13 Classes,	200	459	27,211	18,652	3,231	1,656	872	23,337	184	482	1,009	286	1,312	11,145 63
Total, 2 Synods, 29 Classes,	475	1162	109,258	70,432	11,088	6,811	2,392	90,972	196	1244	4,169	926	29,167	$60,882 46

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OF THE

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OF THE

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IN THE

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AT

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the Third Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., corner of Paca and Saratoga Streets, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. The sessions continued from the evening of the 16th until noon of the 26th day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions were opened with singing and prayer by the President, Rev. John S. Foulk, prior to which the opening sermon was preached at the instance of the President, in whose church the sessions of Synod were held, by the Rev. Samuel N. Callender, from Matthew x. 34: "*I came not to send peace, but a sword.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Samuel Philips, William R. Hofford,[1] Israel S. Weisz, and Isaac K. Loos.

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Rev. Dr. Victor M. Hulbert.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.
Rev. F. J. F. Schantz.

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ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. John Beck, George B. Dechant, J. J. C. Kurtz, and Licentiate Charles Knepper.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, John B. Poerner, Thomas C. Leinbach, Samuel A. Leinbach, Alexander S. Vaughan, and Elder Daniel Dundore.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. William R. H. Deatrich, John A. Hoffheins, Wm. C. Bennet, Ephraim Kieffer, Jacob D. Zehring, and Elder George L. Ickes.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. John M. Titzel, Jacob Voegelin, Marcus Bachman, Geo. Lewis Staley, Henry I. Comfort, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, Caspar Scheel, John W. Hoffmeier, and Elders John Rodenmayer and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, John Gantenbein, David E. Klopp, J. Caspar Hauser, Albert G. Dole.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. Jacob Hassler, Walter E. Krebs, Cyrus Cort, Isaac G. Brown, Charles G. Fisher, J. Spangler Kieffer, John W. Love, Calvin U. Heilman, Abner R. Kremer.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.—Rev. Augustus L. Dechant.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, John Geo. Wolff, John V. Eckert, Wm. A. Gring, James A. Schultz, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev. William D. Lefevre, Mortimer L. Shuford.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Samuel H. Reid.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. Jonathan Zellers, David W. Kelley, Charles A. Rittenhouse, John W. Lescher, William M. Reily.

From the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.—Rev Joshua Riale, John Kuelling, George H. Johnston, Thomas J. Barkley.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced during the sessions: Rev. Dr. Edwards, Dr. Gibson, S. A. Wilson, of the Metho-

dist Episcopal Church; Rev. Elias Weldy, Mr. Sherlock, of the Southern Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Shreeves, of the Methodist Protestant Church; Rev. Mr. Maier, Mr. Henninghaus, Dr. J. McCron, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. Dr. J. C. Creigh, E. H. Nevin, Mr. Cole, Dr. H. Dunning, S. Guiteau, Griffith Owens, Dr. Joseph T. Smith, Dr. Cyrus Dixon, Mr. Ramsey, and Mr. Hillman, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. William Philips, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Rev. G. Phice, of the Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Samuel N. Callender was chosen *President.*
Rev. Joseph Henry Dubbs was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer.*
Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher is *Stated Clerk.*

In response to the request of the Classis of Philadelphia for the election of a competent German Clerk to prepare the Minutes of Synod in that language, and superintend their publication, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod appoint from time to time a German Clerk, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Synod in the German language, and give such explanation of matters claiming the attention of Synod, as may be desired.

Resolved, That the Clerk so appointed, prepare an early translation of the official Minutes of Synod for publication in German, simultaneously with the issue of the English Minutes. For these services the German Clerk shall receive $50 compensation.

The Rev. Marcus Bachman was appointed the Clerk provided for in the foregoing resolutions.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read by the Stated Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at 9 and close at 12 o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at 3 and close at 5 o'clock.

Evening sessions were held every evening after Sunday, commencing at half-past 7 o'clock.

The officers of the Synod of 1864, appointed to revise the Rules of Order, by which the Synod is governed in the transaction of its business, so that they may better conform to established parliamentary usage and facilitate the transaction of Synodical business, submitted their report, which was received, and, after a slight amendment of one of the articles, adopted. The Rules of Order as adopted are as follows:—

RULES OF ORDER.

Article I. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which Synod stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; and on the appearance of a quorum, shall open the meeting with a Hymn and Prayer.

Article II. If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed, and the President be absent, the Synod shall appoint a President *pro tempore.*

Article III. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

Article IV. After prayer, the Synod shall proceed to business. The business shall be taken up in such order as shall conform most nearly to that laid down in the Lemmata adopted by Synod. The business referred to Standing Committees shall have the precedence, except subjects which may have been assigned to some particular hour.

Article V. It shall be the duty of the President, at all times, to preserve order, guard against the violation of the Constitution, or the Rules of Synod, and to endeavor to conduct all business before Synod to a speedy and proper conclusion.

Article VI. It shall be the duty of the President carefully to keep notes of the several articles of business, which may be assigned to particular days, and to call them up at the time appointed, and to appoint all committees, except in those cases in which Synod shall decide otherwise.

Article VII. The President may speak with regard to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to Synod, which may be taken by any two members. Such appeal shall be taken without debate, and require two-thirds of the members voting to sustain it.

Article VIII. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries, as soon as possible after the commencement of a meeting of Synod, to form a complete Roll of the members present, and to put the same into the hands of the President; and to file all papers in the order they have been read, with proper endorsements, and to keep them in perfect order.

IX. Business left unfinished at a preceding sitting shall be
it taken up at the succeeding one.

Article X. A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards repeated or read aloud by the President, before it is debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President, or any member, require it.

Article XI. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon; but not afterwards, without leave of the Synod.

Article XII. On questions of order, adjournment, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once. On all other questions, each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without leave of the Synod.

Article XIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except a motion to amend, to commit, to postpone, to take the previous question, or to adjourn.

Article XIV. An amendment may be moved on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

Article XV. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any two members may call for a division, and may have the question taken on each part separately.

Article XVI. The previous question on any motion shall not be called until after a reasonable time shall have been afforded to discuss it. The call to be entertained must be made by at least twelve members rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? And until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendment or debate on the main question. The effect of a call for the previous question, when sustained, shall be to bring the Synod to a direct vote on the motion then pending.

Article XVII. A question shall not be again called up or reconsidered at the same session of the Synod in which it has been decided, unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by persons who voted with the majority.

Article XVIII. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the President, and shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the President, with decorum and respect.

Article XIX. During the transaction of business, members shall not engage in private conversation; nor shall one member address himself to another, or to any person present, in a debate, except by permission from the President.

Article XX. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

Article XXI. It is indispensable that members of Synod maintain great gravity and dignity; that they attend closely in their speeches to the subject under consideration, and avoid all prolix and desultory harangues; and when they deviate from the subject, it is the privilege of any member, and the duty of the President, to call them to order.

Article XXII. No member, in the course of debate, shall be allowed to indulge in personalities.

Article XXIII. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member, who is most distant from the President's chair, shall speak first.

Article XXIV. When more than three members of the Synod shall be standing at the same time, the President shall require all to take their seats, the person excepted, only, who may be speaking.

Article XXV. If any member act, in any respect, in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the President, to call him to order.

Article XXVI. The Synod, immediately after it has completed its organization, shall define the limits, which shall constitute the bar of the house, and no member shall be allowed to take part in the discussion, or to vote on any question, who is not at the time, within these limits.

Article XXVII. Members ought not, without weighty reasons, to decline voting, as this practice might leave the decision of very interesting questions to a small portion of the Synod. Silent members, unless excused from voting, must be considered as acquiescing in the vote of the majority.

Article XXVIII. The person first named on any committee, shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee; and in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

Article XXIX. When different motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the question shall always be taken first, on the highest number, and on the longest time.

Article XXX. When the President has begun to take the vote, no further debate shall be admitted, unless it appear that a mistake has occurred; in which case the mistake shall be corrected, and the President shall recommence taking the vote.

Article XXXI. When a vote is taken by ballot, the President shall vote with the other members; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the Synod shall be equally divided; when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.

Article XXXII. No member shall be permitted to enter a protest against any decision of Synod. If a member feel himself aggrieved by any such decision, the *Yeas* and *Nays* in the case, shall be recorded, if he require it.

Article XXXIII. The Synod may sit in private, on business which, in their judgment, ought not to be matter of public discussion.

Article XXXIV. Besides the private sessions which may be held whenever it be judged expedient so to do, the Synod may hold what are commonly termed interlocutory meetings, or Committees of the whole Synod, in which members may freely converse together, without formalities of Synodical proceedings.

Article XXXV. If a member withdraw from Synod without leave from the President, or return home without the consent of Synod, he shall incur the censure of Synod.

Article XXXVI. At the final adjournment of Synod, after an appropriate prayer and hymn, the President shall pronounce the Apostolic benediction.

The Synod defined the bar of the house, as directed by the Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Samuel H. Giesy, Israel S. Weisz, and Elders Joseph Coover and Jacob Yeisley.

On Overtures.—Rev. George B. Russell, Daniel G. Bragonier, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, and Elders Adam B. Wingerd and Joseph Laubach.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. Samuel Philips, Jesse Steiner, William D. C. Rodrock, and Elders Charles W. Haller and Jacob Schmidt.

On Minutes of Classes.—Rev. William K. Zieber, Henry Wissler, Israel S. Weisz, and Elders Henry Obersheimer and Jacob Lantz.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. E. E. Higbee, Theobald Fouse, Jeremiah Ingold, and Elders Frederick Hyle, and William A. Wilt.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, Frederick A. Rupley, Simon S. Miller, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Jacob L. Leberman.

On Theological Seminary.—Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, Jacob O. Miller, William K. Zieber, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Jacob L. Leberman.

On Missions.—Rev. Isaac K. Loos, Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Levi C. Sheip, and Elders C. Fullmer and Ephraim Hartranft.

On Finance.—Rev. William R. Hofford, Lucian J. Mayer, William C. Cremer, and Elders David Aurandt and John Wiest.

On Nominations.—Rev. Adam C. Whitmer, William F. P. Davis, John P. Stein, and Elders David B. Martin and David Eschbach.

On Publication.—Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, Cyrus R. Diffenbacher, William F. P. Davis, and Elders George C. Welker and Joseph Laubach.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy each of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and of the German Evan-

gelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches. A communication was received from the German Evangelical Church Diet of Germany, and referred to the same Committee.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, North Carolina, Virginia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, Clarion, St. Paul, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and West New York, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The annual report of the Trustees of Synod was received, and also a report from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

5. A statement from the Board of Home Missions, through its Corresponding Secretary, was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

7. The Rev. Dr. John. H. A. Bomberger, as chairman of a committee from a Convention of ministers, elders and members of the German Reformed Church, held at Meyerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., laid on the table of Synod two copies of the Proceedings of said Convention. They were referred to the Committee on Overtures. Several other communications were received and referred to the same Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of the last annual sessions was dispensed with; and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. The minutes of the General Synod, held in Dayton, Ohio, in November and December, 1866, were referred to the same committee. This committee submitted the following report, which was disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod respectfully reports the following items as claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1, page 15. The Committee to Revise the Rules of Order.

Item 2, page 23. Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 3, page 30. Action instructing the officers of Synod to furnish Messrs. Pister and Nicks with Certificates of Licensure.

Item 4, page 42. A resolution instructing the Board of Trustees of the Seminary to pay the balance still due on the repairs made on Professor Higbee's house from the current funds of the Seminary; also to make only the most necessary repairs on Dr. Harbaugh's house and the Seminary building; and that the Treasurer of the Seminary be directed to pay Dr. Schaff $300 for books over and above his Tercentenary donation of 800 volumes, and to inquire into the legality of consolidating the funds of the Seminary.

Item 5, page 43. A resolution instructing the Board of Visitors to nominate to this Synod a travelling Tutor.

Item 6, page 44. A resolution referring the purchasing of a Patristic Library to Dr. Schaff.

Item 7, page 46. A resolution relating to the German Professorship in the Seminary.

Item 8, page 47. A resolution directing the Board of Education to secure the re-imbursement of moneys appropriated to such beneficiaries as are not engaged in the active duties of the ministry in our own Church.

Item 9, page 67. Instruction relating to the printing of Minutes.

Item 10, page 70. A resolution relating to the defining of the boundary line between East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen Classes.

Item 11, page 71. A Committee on Sunday School Literature.

Item 12, page 82. A resolution authorizing the Board of Publication to secure the services of a co-editor for the present year.

Item 13, page 82. Refers to a Committee on the German paper for East Pennsylvania.

Item 14, page 86. A committee appointed to attend the funeral of Rev. Samuel Helffenstein, D.D.

Item 15, page 86. Continuance of the Committee to prepare a Digest for the use of Synod.

Item 16, page 90. The establishment of a Female Seminary.

Item 17, page 90. The appointment of a Committee to organize a Business Convention of Laymen, to report to this Synod.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 1, page 69. This Synod's quota of the expenses of the General Synod, $300.

Item 2, page 70. The action of the General Synod in regard to the "Order of Worship," declaring it as proper to be used in our congregations and families.

Item 3, page 83. The General Synod commends the Bridesburg Orphans' Home to the liberality and support of our people.

Item 4, page 84. The General Synod directs the District Synods to urge through its Classes, upon all their ministers and congregations, the duty of devoting the regular collections in divine service to objects of benevolence.

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Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Chairman.*

The following is the communication from the German Evangelical Church Diet, referred to in the above report:

HIGHLY RESPECTED AND BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD!—The German Evangelical Church Diet, which convened in Altenburg, in 1864, learned, with feelings of the deepest interest, of the happy results of the Festival, the occasion for which was furnished by the Tercentenary Jubilee of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, and has instructed us to convey to you the assurance, that we join you in sentiments of joy and praise to the Great Head of the Church, who has caused this festival to become the source of new blessings to the churches connected with your Synod.

In the meantime, you have, along with us, experienced, that our faithful God hears the prayers of his servants, and causes rich blessings of peace to spring forth from the storms and sorrows of bloody wars, to those who are exercised by such chastisements (Heb. xii. 11). May the Evangelical Churches of all lands, both on this side, and on the other side of the ocean, realize, that it is their mission to cherish, with mutual interest and concern, the treasure which God has committed to them in the sincere confession of the salvation which has appeared in Christ Jesus, and not become weary in laboring, in humble reliance upon the blessing of our Father in heaven, to awaken for Him, by the faithful preaching of His word, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, who in truth and in deed, shall show forth the praises of Him who has called us from darkness into His marvellous light (1 Peter ii. 9).

We take this opportunity to send you, dear brethren, the invitation to the Church Diet, which, God willing, will be held in Kiel, from the 3d to the 6th of September of the present year, with the request, that you will note the contents of the Programme, and accompany the labors of the Church Diet with your fraternal intercession.

BERLIN, July 4th, 1867.

The Presiding officers of the German Evangelical Church Diet,
By order of the same,

DR. HOFFMANN,
General Superintendent of Kurmark.

NOËL,
Preacher and Secretary of the German Evangelical Church Diet.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the U. S., in care of
v. SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

The Rev. John F. Busche, John W. Ebbinghaus, and John G. Wiehle, were appointed a committee to reply to the above letter from the German Evangelical Church Diet:

II. REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

As one of the delegates to the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, I would report that I found it impossible to make my arrangements to attend upon its sessions, after receiving the notice from the *Primarius* of his inability to represent this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK.

Baltimore, October 19th, 1867.

General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned, appointed as your delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, respectfully reports:

That he attended the General Synod of that reverend body, held in Geneva, New York, commencing on the 5th of June, 1867. Your delegate met with a cordial and courteous reception, and was made to feel that he was in the midst of brethren of the same religious faith. The deliberations were conducted with dignity, and the discussions were marked with ability and moderation. Your delegate listened with feelings of pleasure to the reports of the several committees on charitable and religious institutions, from which it appears that the cause of Education and Missions received particular attention. Their Theological Seminary and Colleges are in a flourishing condition, and theological instruction is also given in Hope College, Michigan. Their Parochial Schools prove to be beneficial to the Church. Their Missionary Boards continue to labor faithfully in the propagation of the Gospel in this and foreign lands. Seventy-six missionaries are laboring in the United States, in eighty-six mission churches and stations. Mission churches have been established in the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. The Foreign Missionary Board, which celebrated its tenth anniversary as an independent mission, is extending its influence; and the receipts for Foreign Missions, which amounted to $13,000 per year, when they belonged to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, have greatly increased, and, during the last year, amounted to $119,550.89. Since the establishment of their Independent Foreign Missionary Board, all their other benevolent Institutions have financially increased. They have two flourishing Foreign Missions—one in Amoy and one in Arcot. They have also established

a Foreign Mission in the Empire of Japan, and it is confidently hoped that, in a year's time, some portions of the Scriptures will be read in the Japanese language.

Two eminent divines of the Free Church of Scotland, Rev. Dr. Patrick Fairbairn and Rev. James Wells, as a deputation from their General Assembly, also addressed the Synod, in a very able manner, on Church Union, and the condition of their own churches at home.

Much discussion was had upon the report of the committee appointed at the last General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, recommending that the word "Dutch" be omitted, and that the Church hereafter be known as the "Reformed Church in America." The proposed change was almost unanimously advocated by the delegates present, and a resolution, favoring the omission of the word, "Dutch," and the addition of the words, "in America," to the present title, was passed by a vote of 110 ayes to 9 nays, and the whole matter was referred to the several Classes for ratification.

On taking leave, I assured this reverend body of our brotherly love, and the deep interest which we have in their welfare; and the President remarked that the same feelings of brotherly love and interest were entertained by them towards the German Reformed Synod.

The next annual session of the General Synod of the R. P. D. Church will be held in Hudson, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

DIEDRICH WILLERS.

Fayette, October 10th, 1867.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.—No report was received from the delegate to this body.

III. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States.—Rev. Walter E. Krebs, *primarius;* and Rev. John M. Titzel, *secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, *primarius;* and Rev. Samuel N. Callender, *secundus.*

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.—Rev. Amos H. Kremer, *primarius;* and Rev. Samuel Philips, *secundus.*

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

On the morning of the third day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Victor M. Hulbert, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, took leave of Synod in an appropriate address, which was happily responded to by the President. On the

evening of the fifth day of the sessions, the Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, took leave of Synod in similar circumstances.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Their report was received, taken up item by item, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the Classes submits the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

None.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Philadelphia Classis* requests Synod to elect a competent German Clerk, to serve for a period of five years or more, for a salary of $50 per year, who shall either prepare a copy of its minutes during its sessions, or execute a good translation from the manuscript minutes of the Stated Clerk of Synod, in order that the minutes in the German language may be published simultaneously with those in the English language.

2. *Clarion Classis* requests Synod to dismiss it, for the purpose of uniting with Westmoreland, St. Paul's, and West New York, in the formation of a District Synod, and to appoint time and place of meeting.

3. *St. Paul's Classis* makes the same request, recommending that said proposed Synod be known as the "Palatinate Synod of the Reformed Church."

4. *Mercersburg Classis* requests Synod to call the attention of the Classes to the enforcement of Article 52 of the Constitution of the Church.

5. The same Classis asks Synod "to determine whether the Licentiate, Jacob B. Kershner, can be lawfully ordained as Tutor in the Theological Seminary."

6. *West Susquehanna Classis* requests Synod to give an exact interpretation of Art. 52 of the Constitution.

7. The same Classis petitions Synod to base the apportionments hereafter upon the number of members connected with each Classis.

8. *East Pennsylvania Classis* asks Synod's permission to undertake the translation of the Revised Liturgy, with a view to its publication, provided Synod does not deem it proper to undertake this work itself.

9. The same Classis declares unconstitutional the acts of Synod in empowering a committee to define a boundary line between it and Goshenhoppen Classis, and directs the attention of Synod thereto.

10. *Goshenhoppen Classis* requests Synod to take immediate measures to have the Revised Order of Worship translated into the German language, that it may be placed in the hands of our people for trial.

11. *Lebanon Classis* requests Synod to take into consideration the propriety of restoring the Apostolic office of Deaconess.

12. The same Classis requests Synod not to entertain a memorial coming from a recent Convention held at Meyerstown, Pa.

13. *Virginia Classis* returns thanks to Synod for aid extended to it in time of need, and for exemption from payment of the annual assessment.

14. *North Carolina Classis* returns thanks to Synod for aid rendered in carrying forward the missionary work of Classis.

III. APPEALS.

1. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., appeals from the action of the Philadelphia Classis, in overruling his decision with regard to an item of business.

2. The consistory of the Saegerstown charge appeals from the action of St. Paul's Classis, in declining to unite Brown's congregation to said charge.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

1. The different Classes took favorable action on Missions, Beneficiary Education, &c.

2. On the omission of the word "German" from our Church title, the action was as follows:

For omission—East Susquehanna, West New York, Clarion, Lancaster, Goshenhoppen, Mercersburg, Zion's, Maryland, St. Paul's, East Pennsylvania, and Lebanon: 11.

Against omission—Philadelphia: 1.

Postponed action until next Classical meeting—New York, Virginia, and West Susquehanna: 3.

No reference to the omission of the name—North Carolina: 1.

V. LICENSURES, ORDINATIONS, &c.

1. *Philadelphia Classis dismissed* Rev. W. G. Hackman to St. Joseph's Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. J. P. Pfister to the Evangelical Synod of the West; *received* Rev. D. E. Klopp from the Classis of St. Paul, Rev. D. Feete from Virginia Classis, Rev. A. Helfenstein, Jr., from Lancaster Classis; Rev. J. C. Beinhauer from the Nassau Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, O. S.; *licensed* Josiah J. Pennepacker, and dismissed him to Clarion Classis.

2. *New York Classis received* Rev. Philip A. Schwartz from Maryland Classis, and licensed and ordained Maximilian Frankel.

3. *East Susquehanna Classis dismissed* Rev. S Transue to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman to Philadelphia Clas-

sis, and Rev. S. S. Miller to Maryland Classis; *received* Rev. H. Mosser from Lancaster Classis; *licensed and ordained* W. A. Haas.

4. *Clarion Classis dismissed* Rev. M. H. Hockman to the Evangelical Lutheran joint Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and Rev. J. F. Snyder to Westmoreland Classis; *received* licentiate J. J. Pennypacker from Philadelphia Classis, and ordained him.

5. *Virginia Classis received* Rev. Hiram Shaull from Sandusky Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. M. L. Shuford from Maryland Classis.

6. *Zion's Classis received* Rev. R. R. Smith from East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. D. W. Wolff, from Lebanon Classis, and the licentiate John M. Clemens from Sheboygan Classis; *ordained* the licentiates John M. Clemens and John A. Hoffheins; *dismissed* Rev. D. W. Kelley to West Susquehanna Classis, erased the name of licentiate John W. Bentz.

7. *Lancaster Classis dismissed* Rev. M. A. Smith to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. H. Mosser to East Susquehanna Classis, the licentiate A. F. Ziegler to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. A. Helfenstein, Jr., to Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. John Naille to St. John's Classis; *received* Rev. W. A. Gring from the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. Jno. Voegelin, by direction of Synod, Rev. D. W. Gerhard from Mercersburg Classis, Rev. S. Kuhn from West Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate Lewis D. Steckel from Mercersburg Classis.

8. *North Carolina Classis licensed* Prof. J. C. Clapp.

9. *Goshenhoppen Classis received* Rev. L. J. Mayer from St. Paul's Classis.

10. *Maryland Classis received* the licentiate Jacob Pister, by direction of Synod, and ordained him; *erased* from its roll the name of Rev. Moses A. Stewart; *dismissed* Rev. J. Kuelling to Miami Classis, Rev. J. S. Loose to Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. M. L. Shuford to Virginia Classis; *received* Rev. John Voegelin from Lancaster Classis

11. *West Susquehanna Classis dismissed* Rev. I. S. Weisz to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. S. Kuhn to Lancaster Classis, and Rev. H. C. Heyser to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; *received* the licentiate Joseph H. Schläppig from Lebanon Classis, and *ordained* him and Rev. D. W. Kelley from Zion's Classis.

12. *West New York Classis received* Rev. Theodore Cludias from New Brunswick Classis, Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; *dismissed* Rev. T. Grosshusch to Sheboygan Classis, and Rev. H. M. K. Stroas to the Congregationalists; *erased* from its roll the name of Rev. Brasch.

13. *Mercersburg Classis licensed* Dewalt S. Fouse, Tilghman O. Stem and Lewis D. Steckel; *ordained* Charles G. Fisher, Dewalt S. Fouse and Tilghman O. Stem; *dismissed* Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse and Rev. Tilghman O. Stem to Iowa Classis, Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Rev. Frederick A. Gast and the licentiate Lewis D. Steckel to the Lancaster Classis.

14. *St. Paul's Classis restored* D. B. Ernst to the holy ministry; *received* Rev. J. H. Stepler from St. Joseph's Classis, and Rev. Robert Koehler from St. John's Classis; *dismissed* Rev. D. E. Klopp to Philadelphia Classis and Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus to Maryland Classis; *erased* from its roll the name of H. F. Hartman.

15. *Lebanon Classis licensed and ordained* Samuel A. Leinbach; *dismissed* Rev. J. H. Schläppig to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. D. W. Wolff and Rev. A. S. Vaughan to Zion's Classis, and Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz to East Pennsylvania Classis.

16. *East Pennsylvania Classis received* Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz from Lebanon Classis, and the licentiate Amandus F. Ziegler from Lancaster Classis; *licensed* Daniel E. Shoedler, and *erased* from its roll the name of J. F. Jahnke.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF CLASSES.

1. *Philadelphia Classis* meets on Tuesday after Whitsunday, June 2d, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., at East Vincent, Chester county, Pa., Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., President, Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Stated Clerk.

2. *New York Classis* meets at Holyoke, Connecticut, June 9th, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., Stated Clerk, Rev. O. Lohr.

3. *St. Paul's Classis* meets at Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., on Ascension day, May 21st, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. G. B. Russell, President, Rev. J. Kretzing, Stated Clerk.

4. *Goshenhoppen Classis* meets at St. Peter's Church, Hilltown, Bucks county, Pa., on Friday before Ascension day, 1868, at 7 o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, Stated Clerk, Rev. L. J. Mayer.

5. *East Susquehanna Classis* meets at Millersburg, Pa., on the 22d day of May, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Stated Clerk, Rev. W. C. Cremer.

6. *Clarion Classis* meets at St. Petersburg, Richland Township, Clarion county, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., President, Rev. W. G. Engel, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

7. *Virginia Classis* meets at Edenburg, Va., on Friday before the 3d Sunday in May, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. H. Wissler, President, Rev. H. St. John Rinker, Stated Clerk.

8. *Classis of North Carolina* meets at St. Mark's Church, Alamance county, N. C., on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., President, Rev. Thomas Long, Stated Clerk, Rev. G. W. Welker.

9. *Zion's Classis* meets in East Berlin, Adams county, Pa., on the 2d Friday in May, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. W. F. P. Davis, President, Rev. W. R. H. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

10. *Lancaster Classis* meets at Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa., on the 1st Friday after Ascension day, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. W. T. Gerhard, Stated Clerk, Rev. W. Aug. Gring.

11. *Mercersburg Classis* meets at Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa. on Thursday before Ascension day, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev Walter E. Krebs, President, Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

12. *Classis of West New York* meets at Clarence, Erie county, N. Y., on the 4th of June, 1868, at 8½ o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. J. B. Kniest, Stated Clerk, Rev. D. Willers.

13. *Maryland Classis* meets at Middletown, Md., on the 1st Friday after Ascension day, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. E. R. Eschbach, President, Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Stated Clerk.

14. *West Susquehanna Classis* meets at Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1868, at 7½, P. M., President, Rev. W. H. Groh, Stated Clerk, Rev. D. G. Klein.

15. *Classis of East Pennsylvania* meets at Weissport, Carbon county, Pa., on Friday before Ascension day, 1868, at 7 o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. J. S. Dubs, Stated Clerk, Rev. N. S. Strassburger.

16. *Lebanon Classis* meets at Mahanoy city, on Thursday preceding Ascension day, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., President, Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. E. Hiester.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER, Chairman.

For the action of Synod on Request No. 1, see Article III., Election of Officers; on Request Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10, and on Appeals Nos. 1 and 2, see Article XVI., Appeals and References; on Request Nos. 9 and 12, see Article XX., Church Government; on Request No. 7, see Article XV., Finance; and on Request No. 11, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. The remaining requests and other items were adopted, except the restoration of the Rev. David B. Ernst to the holy ministry by the St. Paul's Classis, for the disposition made of which see Article XVI., Appeals and References.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure report, that no application has come before them claiming their attention.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk reported, that the Licentiates Jacob Pister and Henry R. Nicks were furnished with certificates of Licensure, as instructed by Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report. It was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod:—Your Committee, appointed to report on the State of Religion and Morals, respectfully submit the following:

From the reports of the various Classes, which have been referred to us, we find that the general progress of the Church through the past year, has been encouraging, and such as should awaken our gratitude and thanksgiving. But few of our ministers have been called from their labors by death. The Philadelphia Classis mentions in its report the death of Dr. Samuel Helffenstein,—a suitable notice of which has already been taken by the Synod convened at York. The East Susquehanna Classis records the death of Rev. Samuel Gutelius, aged 70 years,—a faithful minister, who, after long toil and affliction, now rests from his labors. The West Susquehanna Classis refers to the death of "an earnest, pious, and beloved brother," whose name is not given in their record. Thus, by a remarkably kind Providence, only three of our ministers, and two of these very aged, have, during the year, covered by the records referred to us, been called from our midst, to rest with their fathers, awaiting with us that day when Christ shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Nearly all the Classical reports speak of vacant pastoral charges, and new fields opening up for labor, and of the great difficulty of meeting the demands thus made for active ministers. This shows very clearly that our Church is extending so rapidly, that it cannot be supplied by our present limited number of ordained clergymen. We take pleasure in stating, however, that many, if not all the Classes, are taking active measures to change this condition. Classical schools have been organized in various places, and are already in successful operation; and there seems to be a special and wide-spread activity in the educational interests of the Church, keeping steadily in view an increased supply of prepared candidates for the holy ministry. Favorable results may be expected from these earnest efforts, in the way of a continuous and increasing supply of students for the College at Lancaster, and the Seminary at Mercersburg, which in due time must greatly increase the number of our ministers, and thus obviate the serious difficulties, which now inconvenience our Church in way of breaking up already settled pastoral relations to fill destitute fields, as well as in way of injury sustained by the absence of regular pastoral labor and superintendence, which is sought to be partially remedied by travelling missionary operations and casual supplies.

But aside from this practical result, which may be naturally expected to be reached in the future, the interest which is taken in thorough

education, now so prominently manifesting itself throughout our Church, must be regarded itself as a very encouraging feature of our progress, and as deservedly calling upon us as a Church not only to cherish it, but, also, to mould the various schools, which are so rapidly rising, into right organic relations with our higher institutions, and bind them together in one Christian spirit, and with one order of philosophical and theological thought and life. Still further, it should be regarded as a mark of deep earnestness, of prudent foresight, and of a healthy tone of thought, that so many of our Classes are now pondering upon this whole subject; and that, under the peculiar genius of our Church, as though guarded by divine instinct, there is such an accordant disposition to maintain with firmness, as indispensable to every system of education, the Christian faith and the high interest of moral and mental philosophy.

The reports of the various Classes, in alluding to the themes of thought and discussion which have characterized the ecclesiastical intercourse of these different bodies, all show the result and force of such educational discipline of faith and thought. Those profound, and withal most practical questions, which relate to the order of divine grace itself, which take up the creed, and government, and teaching, and indeed the entire cultus of the Church, making most solemn account of whatever pertains thereto—these questions are the very ones, which, according to the reports of Classes, elicit the most careful and thoughtful discussions of our ministry. Indeed, we may say, that nothing more distinctly characterizes the state of religion and morals in our Church, than just this freshness of theological thought, this grappling with themes which are so closely near the foundation of all progress of Christian life, and which are so peculiarly felt by our ministers as of necessity requiring a steady and settled conviction in their faith, to insure any proper or permanent development of their work.

It is evident from the records of Classes, that these discussions, which involve principles so near to the very heart of the whole Christian salvation, have, and that very naturally, found themselves clustering around and concentrating in the liturgical movement now in progress in our Church; and that this movement, in one form or another, is influencing the thought, and feeling, and action of our whole denominational life.

We notice, in this connection, that nearly all the reports of Classes speak of the increasing interest taken in catechetical instruction. Very generally this is introduced into the Sunday-schools, and there seems to be an effort to make the whole teaching of the Church rest upon the distinctive confessional basis of the Heidelberg Catechism. The result of this, so far as we can gather from the documents referred to us, is a steadily advancing consciousness of the strength of our own position as a Church, and a consequent determination to make our mission powerfully felt wherever we go.

In regard to the liberality of our membership, many of the Classes speak very favorably, while some seriously complain. We feel assured,

however, from the statistical tables which are appended to this report, that there is progress in this respect also. The benevolent contributions during the year have amounted to $50,890, an increase of more than a $1000 over the preceding year, and nearly $15,000 over the year 1865. It is difficult, indeed impossible, to gather from the statistics, when many columns are incomplete, any secure estimate of the progress of the Church, which, even when the statistics are full, cannot well be measured by a consideration of numbers only. It is the opinion of your Committee, after a careful examination of all the records referred to them, that the condition of the Church is such as to demand our most sincere thanksgiving to Almighty God for His continued favor and blessing, and, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.]

The following religious exercises were observed during the Sessions of Synod:

1. The Sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2. The Rev. John S. Foulk, Edmund R. Eschbach, and Samuel Philips, and Elders Joseph Laubach, and William J. Hensell, were appointed, at the opening of the Sessions, a Committee on Religious Exercises.

The Religious Exercises required by the standing rule of Synod were observed on the afternoon of the second day of the Sessions, in the order proposed by the Committee on Religious Exercises. They were opened with a hymn by the Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier, which was followed with prayer by the Rev. John P. Stein. An address was delivered by the Rev. N. S. Aller on the promise of the Spirit, and the necessity of His influences to success in the important work of the Christian ministry After another hymn by the Rev. Wm. C. Cremer, an address, in the German language, was then delivered by the Rev. John F. Busche, on the subject of Christian re-unions such as are incident to the annual gatherings of Synod, and the practical influence which they should be allowed to exert upon the hearts of all who are permitted to participate in them. The Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs followed with prayer in the same language. The exercises were closed with a doxology and the benediction by the President.

3. The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following appointments for members of Synod:

Third Reformed Church:

Saturday, 7½, P. M., Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D.
Sunday, 11, A. M., Holy Communion, Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D.

Sunday, 3½, P. M., Sunday School Exercises; Addresses by Rev. Geo. B. Russell and Elder John Wiest.
" 7½, P. M.. Rev. Th. G. Apple, D. P.

First Ger. Ref. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D.
" 3, P. M., Sunday School Exercises; Addresses by Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs and Rev. A. C. Whitmer.
" 7½, P. M., Rev. H. Mosser.

First Eng. Ref. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. J. P. Stein.
" 7½, P. M., Rev. S. Philips.

Fourth Ger. Ref. Church.

" 10½, A. M., Rev. J. G. Wiehle, (German.)

Fifth Ger. Ref. Church.

" 10½, A. M., Rev. J. Kuelling, (German.)
" 7½, P. M., Rev. J. F. Busche.

Sixth Ger. Ref. Church.

" 10, A. M., Rev. N. Gehr, (German.)
" 7½, P. M., Rev. J. Dahlman, Sen.

Ev. Luth. Church, Lombard near Penn.

" 11, A. M., Rev. W. R. Hofford.
" 7½, P. M., Rev. G. B. Russell.

Westminster Pres. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. S. H. Giesy.

Twelfth Pres. Church.

" 4, P. M., Rev. W. R. H. Deatrick.

Meth. Prot. Church, Green and Lombard.

" 11, A. M., Rev. A. H. Kremer.

Meth. Prot. Church, Washington Street.

" 11, A. M., Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse.

Exeter St. Meth. Ep. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. S. Philips.

Light Street Meth. Ep. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. F. A. Rupley.

Eutaw Street Meth. Ep. Church.

" 7½, P. M., Rev. W. E. Krebs.

Madison Av. Meth. Ep. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. Th. G. Apple, D. P.

Emory Street Meth. Church.

Sunday, 11, A. M., Rev. J. Steiner.

Mount Vernon Meth. Ep. Church.

" 11, A. M., Rev. N. S. Aller.

German Evan. Ass., Green Street.

" 10½, A. M , Rev. J. E. Hiester, (German.)

" 7½, P. M., Rev. N. Gehr.

4. The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved: That the increasing evidences of disregard for the Christian Sabbath, and the open declaration of some of their determination to secure the repeal of all civil sanction of its sacred observance, should alarm every Christian and patriot, and call forth their earnest prayers and diligent efforts to prevent courses, so dishonoring to God, and demoralizing to Society, from prevailing.

Resolved: That the Classes be respectfully recommended to urge upon the churches the importance of exerting their influence to promote a better observance of the Christian Sabbath.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(a.) *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN :

The undersigned, having been appointed a committee for this purpose by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Board is organized as follows, viz :

President, D. W. GROSS.
Vice President, GEORGE BESORE.
Secretary, GEO. COOK.
Treasurer, A. B. WINGERD.

Believing that Synod, at its last meeting, in the third resolution of the report of its committee, on the subject of the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, page 92 of its proceedings, contemplated the removal of the Seminary to Lancaster, the Board held a

ecial meeting in Greencastle, November 14th, 1866, to consider the acticability of such a movement. After duly considering the subct, the members present were unanimous in the belief, that, in view f the growing interests of the new Collegiate Institution at Mercersurg, whose prosperity is so much favored by its proximity to the Seiinary, the flourishing condition of the Seminary itself, and the probility that nothing would be gained by the removal for the interts of the College at Lancaster, but only additional expense incurred providing new buildings for the use of the Seminary;—consequently no steps ought to be taken just at this time in the direction ontemplated.

The Board appointed a committee of its members to visit Lancaster nd meet the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, or committee of the same, and present their views to them. An interiew was had, and the committee of the College Board agreed that no mmediate steps should be taken, and the matter was deferred until a ubsequent meeting of Synod.

The annual meeting of this Board was held at Mercersburg, on September 20th, 1867. At that meeting, the Board reiterated their pinion, that for the same reasons, expressed at their special meeting, nd the additional reason, that the Synod of York authorized additional expenditures in repairing the property of the Seminary at Mercersburg, it should not be removed at present.

A petition having been received from the Professors and students, asking this Board to fit up one of the rooms in the Seminary building for a *Reading Room;*—on motion, it was

Resolved, That this Board regards this application with favor, and that the committee, in their report, be directed to bring the subject to the attention of Synod for their advice.

It was also

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors be requested to ask Synod to equalize the salaries of the Professors in the Seminary, and to name the time at which the increase of salaries is to commence.

Herewith we present the annual report of our Treasurer, which shows our financial condition to be very good.

Respectfully, D. W. Gross, *President.*
A. B. Wingerd, *Treasurer.*

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

Gentlemen:—

Your Treasurer is glad to be able to report that your finances are in a good condition. The interests and dividends of your investments are sufficient to meet all demands. The interest on the Theological Seminary investments, which amount is $30,920.00, is in excess of last year, owing to difference received in exchange of bonds. To this fund was added four hundred dollars, received from the estate of Solomon Crouse, deceased, of Washington County, Md., and three hun-

dred and fifty dollars, Plainfield Bond principal, all of which has been invested.

There was nothing received on Synodical apportionments, and the balance of last year was paid over.

Your Theological Tutorship Fund is $10,000, which amount, at the present rate of interest, is sufficient for the increased salary of the Tutor, when paid up; but owing to many failing to pay their interests, this Fund owes the Treasurer $258.92.

The Tercentenary Fund, which is $15,853.62, was increased this year two hundred dollars, which was invested. The interest received this year is $1,087.35, with the balance in the Treasury last year of $1,706.24, making $2,793.59, out of which was paid on repairs $2,408.30, leaving a balance of $385 29 in the Treasury.

Your Theological Library Fund is $1,350. The amount of interest received this year is $76.75. This, with the $75 of last year. makes $151.75, out of which was paid $60.80, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $90.95.

Your Treasurer would call the attention of the Board to the fact, that the amount paid on repairs was taken out of the Tercentenary interest, which amount Synod ought to make provision to refund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary in Account with A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer, from October* 1, 1866, *to October* 1, 1867.

CR.

By Interest on Plainfield Bonds		$98 55
" Kieffer Fund	$570 00	
" Keller Fund	300 00	
" Cook Fund	84 55	
By Bank Dividends	1388 60	
" Interest on Sundry Investments	268 00	
" Difference in Exchange of Bonds	162 00	
		$2773 15
By Amount received from Solomon Crouse's Estate		400 00
		$3271 70
" " Due Treasurer		51 88
		$3323 58

DR.

To Amount paid Dr. H. Harbaugh	$1425 00	
" " " Dr. E. E. Higbee	1300 00	
" Difference in Exchange of Bonds	43 58	
Carried over,	$2768 58	

Amounts brought forward,	$2768 58	$3323 58
To Treasurer's Salary	100 00	
" Postage and Stationery	15 00	
" Interest on Klopp Legacy	40 00	
" Amount Principal (Crouse) Invested	400 00	
		$3323 58

Plainfield Bond Principal.

CR.

By Amount from Dr. S. R. Fisher	$100 00	
" Dr. B. C. Wolff	150 00	
" Wm. H. Duvall	100 00	
		$350 00

DR.

To Amount Invested	$350 00

Synodical Apportionment.

CR.

By Amount in Treasury	$89 19

DR.

To Amount paid Treasurer F. and M College	89 19

Theological Tutorship.

CR.

By Amount Interest received	441 08	
" Due Treasurer	258 92	
		$700 00

DR.

To Amount paid Prof. Kerschner	$700 00

Tercentenary Fund.

CR

By Amount Invested last year	$15,653 62	
" Received from the family of D. W. Gross, Esq	200 00	
		$15,853 62

DR.

To Amount of Whole Investment	$15,853 62

CR.

By Amount Int. in Treasury last year	$1706 24	
" received this year	1087 35	
		$2793 59

DR.

To Amount paid on Repairs	2408 30	
" Balance in Treasury	385 29	
		$2793 59

Theological Library Fund.

CR.

By Amount in Treasury last year	$75 00	
" Int. received	76 75	
		$151 75

DR.

To Amount paid Dr. Schaff	$15 00	
" " S. R. Fisher & Co	45 80	
" Balance in Treasury	90 95	
		$151 75

The following additional report was received from the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH: —I herewith report as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, that I did not pay Dr. Philip Schaff $300, as ordered by the Synod at York, because I had no funds in hands for such purpose.

The item of the consolidation of the Theological Seminary funds, was referred to the Board, to ascertain whether or not there was any legal difficulty. The Board, by resolution passed at their last meeting, are of the opinion, that there is no legal difficulty.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

(*b*) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary;

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, who are also the Board of Education, organized after their election at the last meeting of Synod, by the choice of Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, as President; W. E. Krebs, Secretary, and Dr. S. R. Fisher, Treasurer.

They held their annual meeting in Mercersburg, on the 14th and 15th days of May last, at the close of the session in the Seminary. The students were examined at that time in the chief studies pursued during the year. The examination proved, on their part, great familiarity with the subjects that were taken up, as well as manifested their zeal and attention in all the rest. The Board itself selected the branches on which to examine the students. The usual departments of Dogmatic and Practical Theology, Church History, Exegesis of New Testament, Hebrew and Exegesis of Old Testament, were faithfully pursued by the three classes. The department of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, has received a new impulse from the special attention given to it by the Tutor. The other departments are ably and efficiently carried forward by the respective Professors.

In this connection the Board deem it proper to report their entire confidence in the teaching imparted in the Seminary, as well as in the excellent progress of the students. Some attempts have been recently made to bring suspicion on the Institution, by reason of the controversy on the Liturgy, which is agitating the Church. The old and stale charges of heresy and popery, which the Seminary lived down in days that are passed, are every now and then revived, wherever and whenever an opportunity is afforded. An instance of this is an article that appeared some months ago in the "Catholic World," and was paraded in a religious journal of another denomination. As this latter paper intimated that the author was a member of our own communion, and a professor in our institutions, the Board, as in duty bound, took the matter in hand, and succeeded in ascertaining that the slander proceeded from outside sources.

But these efforts at detraction, the Board is sorry to report, are not confined to members of other denominations. Some have been found within our own bounds, willing to be used in furthering this unrighteous work. Not only have insinuations and direct charges against the orthodoxy of the Seminary been thrust out before the world, but some effort at least has also been made to persuade young men to pass Mercersburg by, and go rather to Princeton or New Brunswick. In opposition to all this, the Board, to whom this Synod has committed the care of this institution, and who are intimately acquainted with its inward workings, are called upon to bear direct testimony to the fact, that no new or novel doctrines are taught therein, but only such as have been held and revered by the Church for years.

The students connected with the Seminary during the past year, were classified as follows: twelve in the Senior Class—J. J. Pennypacker, L. K. Evans, S. A. Leinbach, J. Van Haagen, A. J. Bowers, W. A. Haas, L. D. Steckel, J. S. Hess, D. M. Wolff, D. S. Fouse, T. O. Stem, and H. F. Keener; four in the Middle Class—T. F. Hoffmeier, S. Schweizter, J. B. Kieffer, and C. B. Shullenberger; three in the Junior Class—E. O. Forney, J. F. Wiant, and H. W. Hoffmeier. Of the Senior Class, four were prosecuting their studies in Europe, and one had leave of absence; the remaining seven, namely, Messrs. Pennypacker, Leinbach, Haas, Steckel, Fouse, Stem, and Keener, having completed their full course, received honorary dismissions and recommendations for licensure, at the Commencement of the Seminary, held on the 15th of May last, in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg.

The Seminary keeps up its number of students, notwithstanding the falling off in our College during the war. The new class entering this Fall, is composed of eight, and the growing number of candidates for the ministry in our Colleges, encourages the expectation that the number in the Seminary will be much greater than it has been for years. As many of these are more or less dependent on the Church for support, it is necessary that special attention be directed to the demand for enlarged contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Under the action of Mercersburg Classis, a congregation has been organized of the members of the Seminary and Mercersburg College. It worships in the Seminary chapel, and is under the pastoral care of the clerical Professors of both institutions. This has been found of decided advantage to the religious interests of both Seminary and College. The congregation, of its own accord, makes use of the new Order of Worship, which was recommended to the churches by the General Synod. Divine service is held once every Sunday, and also on Wednesday evening.

Through the praiseworthy zeal of the present students of the Seminary, the lecture-room has been refitted and greatly improved. The Library also has been re-arranged and catalogued by the Tutor, with great labor and care. In regard to the purchase of a complete edition of the Church Fathers, from the $1,000 realized from the Duncan case, the Board respectfully requested Dr. Schaff, to whom the matter was referred by Synod, to postpone the purchase for the present, on account of the high prices of books, and the desirableness of increasing the Library *fund*, the interest only of which shall be expended.

The Board recommends to Synod the increasing of Rev. Dr. Higbee's salary to $1,500, the same as that of the other Professor. Its duties, and labors, and responsibilities are equally as heavy. Under the general authority given to it by Synod, to provide for the full teaching force of the Seminary which has been authorized, the Board promised the Tutor a salary of $800, which was necessary in order to retain his services. For the same salary also he has been engaged for the year just now begun. We, therefore, earnestly ask the Synod to increase the salary of the Tutor, beginning with last year, to the sum before mentioned.

Synod last Fall requested the Board to nominate a travelling Tutor. They report that they are unable to do so, inasmuch as all the members of the last class from the Seminary, are already located in pastoral fields, and they did not feel justified in nominating one, who had not completed the course at Mercersburg. They, therefore, leave the whole matter in the hands of the Synod for the present year.

Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D., was inaugurated Professor of Church History and Exegesis in Chambersburg, January 18th, 1866. We suggest to Synod the propriety of making provision for the publication of his inaugural address.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. APPLE, *President.*

W. E. KREBS, *Secretary.*

Synopsis of Treasurer's Report.

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, *Treasurer.*

CR.

By balance in Treasury, Oct. 20, 1866				$950 33
By cash received from the Classis of Philadelphia				844 65
"	"	"	East Pennsylvania	312 84
"	"	"	Goshenhoppen	527 00
"	"	"	Lebanon	367 65
"	"	"	West Susquehanna	102 51
"	"	"	Zions	141 50
"	"	"	East Susquehanna	178 97
"	"	"	Mercersburg	227 75
"	"	"	Lancaster	150 47
"	"	"	Maryland	68 65
"	"	"	New York	19 00
"	"	"	Clarion	3 10
			Miscellaneous	3 00
			Interest and dividends	258 16
			Refunded	100 00
				$4,255 58

DR.

To cash paid beneficiaries of Classis of Philadelphia				972 44
"	"	"	East Penna	686 00
"	"	"	Goshenhoppen	432 00
"	"	"	Lebanon	169 67
"	"	"	West Susquehanna	102 51
"	"	"	Zions	150 00
"	"	"	East Susquehanna	40 00
"	"	"	Mercersburg	200 00
"	"	"	Lancaster	175 00
"	"	"	Virginia	150 00
"			for Account books	2 10
			Balance in Treasury	1,175 86
				$4,255 58

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, with all the necessary vouchers, etc., and find them all correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of eleven hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-six cents (1,175.86).

JACOB HASSLER.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 19th, 1867.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following report:

1. *The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.*

From this report we learn, that the Board was properly organized, and attended to the business claiming its attention. In reference to the removal of the Seminary to Lancaster, which was referred to it at the last meeting of this Synod, page 92, printed minutes, it came to the conclusion that such removal would be inexpedient at this time. A Committee of the Board met with a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in reference to the subject of removal, and they came to the conclusion that no immediate steps should be taken in that direction, and they deferred the matter to the present meeting of Synod. At the annual meeting of the Board held at Mercersburg, Sept. 20th, 1867, the Board reiterated the foregoing conclusions, and for the additional reason, that the Synod of York authorized additional expenditures in repairing the Seminary buildings, that the removal should not take place at present. A petition from the Professors and students, asking that a room should be fitted up in the Seminary building for a reading-room, was received by the Board, which regarded the application with favor, and recommends it to the favorable attention of Synod, asking its advice in the matter. The Board requests Synod to equalize the salaries of the Professors, and to name the time when the increase of salaries shall commence.

In view of the foregoing statements and requests, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to fit up a room in the Seminary building for a reading-room.

2. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

From this report we learn, that this Board has faithfully attended to its duties during the past year. It attended upon the examinations of the students, which were well sustained, and were entirely satisfactory, both on the part of Professors and students, and clearly proved that no new or novel doctrines are taught in the Seminary, but such as have been held and revered by the Reformed Church for years. The Board refers to the efforts which are making by members of the Church to fix upon the Seminary the charge of heresy and popery, and thus to persuade young men to pass Mercersburg by, and go rather to Princeton or New Brunswick to pursue their theological studies. The number of students in the Seminary is 19.

The Board requested Dr. Schaff to postpone the purchase of a Patristic library, on account of the high price of books, and the desira-

bleness of increasing the library fund, the interest only of which shall be expended in the purchase of books.

This Board also recommends the equalizing of the salaries of the Professors; also that the salary of the Tutor for the last and the present year, shall be fixed at $800.

In reference to a travelling Tutor, which they were requested to appoint by the last Synod, they were unable to comply with the request of Synod, having no suitable person for the position.

Rev. E. E. Higbee, D.D., was inaugurated Professor of Church History and Exegesis in Chambersburg.

The Board desires Synod to make provision for the publication of the Inaugural Address.

The Board requests of Synod to direct special attention to the cause of Beneficiary education.

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod condemns all irregular attempts to fix the charge of heresy upon the Seminary, and hereby calls upon all, who make such charges, to present them in a regular and constitutional manner.

2. That we regard the efforts made in certain quarters to prevent students from attending the Seminary, by influencing them to prosecute their studies in other Seminaries, as highly censurable; and that we enjoin upon all the Classes to sustain and patronize our own Institutions.

3. That we approve of the action of the Board in postponing the purchase of a Patristic library.

4. That the Board be authorized to raise the salary of Professor Higbee to $1500, thus equalizing it with the other professorship; and that the salaries date from Jan. 1st, 1867; also that the salary of the Tutor be fixed at $800, salary to commence July 1st, 1866.

5. That the Board be requested to nominate a travelling Tutor as soon as a suitable person may be found for the position.

6. That the Inaugural Address of Professor Higbee be published, and that it be placed in the hands of the Board of Publication for that purpose.

7. That the cause of Beneficiary Education is earnestly commended to the several Classes, so that the contributions to this cause may be largely increased.

3. *Treasurer's Report.*

The Treasurer reports the finances in a good condition—sufficient revenue to pay all demands. The report states, that the repairs ordered to be made were paid for out of the Ter-centenary fund, and requests Synod to make provision to refund the amount—$2,408.30.

The Treasurer also reports that he did not pay Dr. Schaff $300, as ordered by the Synod of York, because he had no funds for that purpose.

In reference to the consolidation of the Theological Seminary Fund, the Treasurer reports that there is no legal difficulty.

Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be authorized to refund the amount taken from the Tercentenary Fund for repairs.

2. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay Dr. Schaff the sum of $300, as soon as there are sufficient funds on hand.

3. That the Board of Trustees take legal advice in reference to the consolidation of the Funds of the Theological Seminary, and if there be no legal difficulty in the way, that they effect such consolidation.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

In connection with the consideration of the first resolution in the above report, relating to the Treasurer's Report, the report was laid on the table to admit of receiving a motion to re-consider the resolution of Synod at Lancaster, Pa., in October, 1864, directing the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to invest certain monies contributed in connection with the Tercentenary celebration, and appropriated to the Founding of a Tercentenary Professorship, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, together with the annual interest, until the sum of $20,000 shall be secured. The resolution referred to, was re-considered; and it was amended by adding the words, "Except so much of the interest accruing from this fund as may be necessary to pay for repairs on the Seminary building," and adopted as thus amended. The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was then again taken up. The several resolutions were adopted, and the report itself adopted as a whole.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.—The following members of the former Board were continued:—George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, John W. Coon, William Heyser, John Zeller, Samuel B. Snively, David B. Martin, and David C. Hammond. In place of those whose names are omitted, Edward J. Zahm, of Lancaster, Pa., and Jacob Heyser, of Chambersburg, Pa., were elected.

Board of Visitors.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Amos H. Kremer, Jacob Hassler, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Joseph W. Santee, Benjamin Bausman, Isaac G. Brown, Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, Walter E. Krebs, Peter S. Davis, and William Goodrich. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, the Rev. Samuel N. Callender was elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year to examine the records of Synod, and ascertain which Professorship was intended

to be regarded as the German Professorship, reported progress, and was continued.

In connection with the item in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, relating to the purchase of a Patristic library, it was

Resolved, That the action of the Synod of last year, authorizing the purchase of a Patristic library, by the Rev. Dr. Schaff, be, and is hereby repealed.

And further that the sum or sums devoted to that purpose be added to the fund now in the hands of the Treasurer for the increase of the Library of the Seminary, the interest of which only shall be expended for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following statement was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, accompanied with the reports from the Treasurers of Home Missions and Church Extension, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:

In consequence of protracted indisposition of the President of the Board of Home Missions, it has become my duty to furnish a brief report to your reverend body. The interval between the meetings of the General Synod is too long, the cause of Home Missions too important, and the solicitude of the Eastern portion of the Church, in this department of her activity, too ardent, to permit an occasion like the present to pass unimproved.

It is not our design to give a *formal* report, as it was customary, prior to the union of the Eastern and Western Boards. A free and general statement of our operations will be all that is necessary.

THE EXTENT OF OUR FIELD OF OPERATIONS.

Our missionary work extended, during the past year, over fifteen (15) States. Making Pennsylvania the centre, our operations extended eastward into Massachusetts, westward into Minnesota, southward into North Carolina, and northward to the Canada line. Within these limits, nearly one hundred missionaries have been, with few exceptions, earnestly and successfully laboring. Some of these fields have become self-sustaining, and new ones were taken under the care of the Board. The good Lord has crowned the labor of His servants, and blessed the offerings of His people. The statistics of the missionaries, submitted during the year, bear out this cheering statement.

The Church has abundant reason for special thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for this visible token of His promise—"*Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.*"

THE INCREASING DEMANDS UPON THE BOARD.

At no period in the history of the Reformed Church in this country has the Board had louder calls for aid than during the past year. Door upon door is opening for us. The "Macedonian cry" is coming from every part of the country. These calls proceed mostly *now* from large and influential centres. Hitherto, our energies have been mostly expended in rural districts, to the detriment of the general prosperity of the Church. The time is here, when our operations should more extensively, and upon an enlarged scale, be carried forward in our large cities, from which the Church can soon be re-imbursed for all her expenditures. To these centres, business talent and capital are drawing, and from them a more powerful influence can be exerted. The loss of our membership, and our not being represented among the other denominations of the land, is injurious in many respects—weakening us and strengthening others—retarding our progress. The necessity of giving earnest and timely heed to this important fact, is evident to every reflecting mind and lover of our Zion.

THE MEANS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH IT.

1. *The Board needs suitable men.* Our "Theological Seminaries" ought to be, also, "Mission Houses," where the requisite talent for this department of our Mission, as a Church, receives proper attention. Missionaries, like poets, are not made, but born of the grace of God. Where the necessary gifts for this special work come to view, they should be fully developed. The gifts of grace differ, but they are all of the same Spirit. An Apostle Paul *planted;* an Apollos *watered.* The Church needs the planting and watering talents for the perfecting of the work assigned her. Thousands of dollars are expended annually, without realizing what she might, if she had always the right man for the place. Such in every class, who have the talents requisite for the missionary work, should have their attention directed to it, and recommended to this effect to the Board.

In this connection, we would recommend the "Mission House" of Sheboygan to the favorable notice of the Synod, which proves to be an efficient Institution for our purely German work in the West.

2. *We need largely increased offerings from the Church.* The financial condition of the Board is deplorable. The continual deficiency of the Treasury is really humiliating. The means for replenishing our exhausted Treasury must be forthcoming, or the Board will be compelled to recall a number of its missionaries, and the work commenced prove a total loss. Had it not been for the liberality and deep interest the Treasurer of the Board feels in the cause, this step had already been taken. Brethren, shall this hampered state of the

Treasury, for this highly important cause, continue? Shall our but poorly supported missionaries be compelled to leave their work unfinished? Are we willing that this step shall be taken, and can we answer for it, on the day of final reckoning? Have we not a mission in the practical development of our denominational life? If not, what right to a separate organization?

It is true, the Eastern Synod is doing more *now* than at any former period in her history; yet she falls far short of what could and should be done. The defect is in *the manner* it is done. In many of her charges, not a single cent has been collected. Charges numbering hundreds of members, blessed abundantly with this world's goods, have returned but feeble offerings of gratitude for the innumerable blessings vouchsafed by the great Head of the Church. The great fault in our present mode of collecting is, that it is done irregularly, and too often spasmodically. The so-called "special efforts," or "pledge system," are not productive of much good. Thus, the pledges given at the Synod of York, last year, for North Carolina, are only half cancelled, and those which are, were mostly taken from the regular collections for Missions, while the pledges were for a special object, and should not have interfered with the operations of the Board.

To carry forward our Mission work, a system should be inaugurated, through which contributions flow regularly into our Treasury, and the membership of the Church reached in a general way. The whole membership, from the richest down to the poorest, ought to have an opportunity to contribute to this life-work of the Church.

Probably, no denomination in this country, with similar means at command, has realized more fruits of their missionary operations than we did. If such has been effected with our incoherence, how much more could be done by system and general co-operation? We respectfully request this reverend body to adopt such measures as will produce this much desired end.

In this connection, we would also respectfully urge the importance of carefully husbanding our resources, both of men and means. Missions, which have received aid for many years, and have no immediate prospect of becoming self-sustaining, should be provided with the means of grace by the Classes to which such points belong. Charges could very often be arranged so that such points, with little difficulty, be cared for, to the general interest of the Church. No Classis should make application for aid, or refer such points, with recommendations, to the Board, if there is a possibility to supply them otherwise.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Our future success in our Mission operations depends upon this department of our activity. To give permanence to the work, our Missions must be properly aided in the erection of suitable houses of worship. Thus our fathers carried forward the original Mission work—the planting of the Colonial Reformed Church. They did not merely

send missionaries to this country to gather congregations, but aided them in the erection of churches and school-houses, thus placing them on a safe footing. Had the Board the much needed funds for this purpose, discouragements and unavoidable difficulties could easily be surmounted. As it is, this cannot be the case.

The most pressing case now for such aid is Cumberland, Maryland. The future of our congregation depends *entirely* upon a suitable house of worship for our Mission congregation. It is impossible for the congregation to secure one, unless speedily aided. Will your reverend body make provisions, that our homeless people may either build or purchase a church? The Board has no means in hand. A deficient Treasury, with numerous calls for aid, is the capital to work upon. In view of this fact, permit me to call your attention to this serious and much perplexing state of our affairs. Can you not, by some suitable action, meet the exigency of this case? It is utterly impossible to do a permanent missionary work, unless the Church Extension Treasury be properly supplied for this purpose. The offerings thus far obtained for Church Extension have not created a Fund. It was our impression, this was the design of the original Synodical action. In most instances, it has been disposed of as mere charity, similar to the offerings for Missions. To create a Fund, to be of practical and general benefit, I would suggest the following plan for Synod's consideration:—

1. That all funds obtained by permit from the Board of Home Missions shall be reported to the Treasurer for Church Extension. Said Treasurer shall secure for the amount collected a non-interest bearing mortgage, in his official name, for the Board of Church Extension, either from individual members of the congregation, or the proper charter officers of such congregation. Said mortgages shall be assessable three years after date, from 5 to 10 per cent. per annum, until cancelled.

Thus an accessible fund would be created, the Church's money flow back gradually to its Treasury for the relief of others, and its investments secured.

2. No permit for collecting money shall be given, if for the erection of Union churches, unless the mortgage as required above, shall be given by responsible members of the Reformed Church, and collectable in form and manner as above stated.

The reason why this suggestion has been made to this Synod is, because the Funds for Church Extension are mainly collected within your bounds, and it seems right and proper that this important matter should be brought to your consideration.

We cannot close this report without expressing our humble thanks to the Great Head of the Church for His many favors bestowed on us as a denomination, in extending the Church Catholic, as well as our own and peculiar life and doctrine. New congregations have been organized, others have become self-supporting, waste places have been made to blossom.

This is conclusive evidence, that the good Lord has *still* a great work for the Reformed Church in this country. Our Mission is by no means completed, but is increasing both theoretically and practically. This ought to be an incentive to nobler deeds and greater sacrifices. It ought to be an impetus to more vigorous and enlarged actions, on the part of your reverend body, and the churches placed under your care.

During the past year we have had disheartening seasons in our operations. Many a prayer was offered to Him, who said, "*Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.*" He has opened many a heart and hand for our relief. We look to Him in the future, knowing that the faith of His people will externalize itself in such works, that will gladden the hearts of thousands of our still uncared for membership.

May the Lord, in His mercy, open the hearts of His people to greater liberality, and bless every proper effort to this end, put forth by Synods, Classes, and ministers. May they all prove efficient co-laborers with Christ, to whose care and benediction we commend the great cause of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Reformed Church.

L. D. LEBERMAN,
Cor. Sec. Board Home Missions.

TREASURY OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Ger. Ref. Church in the United States:

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions respectfully reports the receipts from all sources, from Nov. 25, 1866, to Oct. 16, 1867, (about eleven months) the sum of $11,691.44. Amount paid out during the same period, $12,147.37; balance due the Treasurer, $455.93, and orders on hand, unpaid, $1,964.80, together $2,420.73. During the past year $250 was received from the Cavetown charge, Md., on account of a legacy from Solomon G. Krouse, deceased. There is a balance remaining, *unredeemed*, of the pledge to Va. and N. C., of $760.14, at the Synod of York, Pa. It is reasonable to expect, that the sums promised will be redeemed, and there should be no further delay, in regard to these pledges; prompt payment will enable the Board to cancel obligations, past due.

Annexed will be found the amount contributed by each Classis, East and West, from which we may infer, that the Church in general has not been properly aroused to a sense of the *sums needed* to carry on our Missionary operations, and the privilege, and, no doubt, the ability of the Church to contribute at least double the amount contributed during the period referred to.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SANTEE, Tr., B. H. M.
239 N. 3d Street, Philadelphia.

Statement of Contributions from Classes, East and West, of the Reformed Church, from Nov. 25, 1866, to Oct. 16, 1867.

1	Philadelphia Classis,	$2911	30	1	Miami, Classis	$491	26
2	East Penna.,	1338	81	2	St. John's,	217	25
2	Goshenhoppen,	1240	16	3	Indiana,	140	61
4	Lebanon,	1159	86	4	Lancaster,	121	82
5	Maryland,	1043	90	5	Sandusky,	112	50
6	Zions,	622	52	6	Westmoreland,	100	00
7	Lancaster,	442	12	7	Tiffin,	63	65
8	Mercersburg,	406	96	8	Erie,	35	60
9	East Susquehanna,	394	69	9	Heidelberg,	34	55
10	West Susquehanna,	312	95	10	St. Joseph's,	23	65
11	West New York,	71	83	11	Illinois,	7	00
12	New York,	82	21	12	Iowa,	5	00
13	St. Paul,	66	65	13	Sheboygan,	85	00
14	Virginia,	15	00				
15	Clarion,	1	00			$1437	89
	East,	$10,109	96				
	West,	1,437	89				
	Balance from last year,	116	59				
	Int't. received,	27	00				
		$11,691	44				

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Amount received during the year we now close from each Classis.

Philadelphia	Classis,	$5411	04
Mercersburg	"	1186	76
Zions	"	194	84
East Pennsylvania	"	1363	86
Lebanon	"	687	13
Lancaster	"	353	20
Goshenhoppen	"	399	44
West Susquehanna	"	178	29
East Susquehanna	"	101	50
Maryland	"	962	50
St. Paul's	"	213	15
New York	"	98	75
West New York	"	00	00
Virginia	"	53	25
Clarion	"	00	00
North Carolina	"	00	00
	Carried forward,	$11,203	71

	Amount brought forward,	$11,203	71
1st Church's, Tiffin, O.,	Western Church,.....	27	28
Rev. J. Hannabery Sugar Grove Charge,	"	16	75
" P. Herbruck, Canton, O., Charge,	"	68	00
" G. W. Henning, "	"	5	00
" J. Külling, 1st Church, Cincinnati,	"	20	00
" Int. on $100 U. S. Bond,	"	11	50
" Pittsburg, Pa.,	"	10	00
		$11,362	24
Amount paid out during the same time, ...		13,399	32
Balance due the *Treasurer*,.....		$2,037	08

Of this amount Brother C. Santee loaned the Church Ex Fund Board,.....$1000 00
Balance advanced by the *Treasurer*. 1037 08

JOHN WIEST, *Treasurer*.

Baltimore, Md , Oct. 18, 1867.

A communication was received from Elder David M. Livers, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, asking aid in the payment of the debt resting upon the Church at Shelbyville, Illinois. It was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following report was received from the Committee on Missions, and adopted:

The Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report that the following Documents have been placed in their hands:

1. A brief, informal report from the Board of Home Missions.
2. A similar report from the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.
3. A condensed report from the Treasurer of Church Extension.
4. A letter from D. M. Livers, Elder of St. Paul's Church, Ills., soliciting aid for the Shelbyville, Ills., Mission Church.

Your Committee are pleased to find in this free and informal report of the Board, a general statement of its operations during the past year, which is, at the same time, satisfactory and cheering. From Massachusetts to Minnesota, and from North Carolina to the Canada line, nearly one hundred missionaries are successfully laboring in the cause of Christ—a fact which speaks much for the ability and zeal with which the Board have prosecuted their work. Under their care old fields have become self-sustaining, and new ones been taken up. The limited means thus far employed, have produced glorious results—an incentive to nobler deeds and greater self-denial in this holy work. And the recently opened and still opening fields, demand of our

Church more effective measures than have hitherto been employed for the accomplishment of our Home Mission work. Large towns and cities, centres of influence, are loudly calling for aid and comfort. Our people, in the destitute portions of the Church, must have pastors; and to give them pastors and aid in their support, the Board must have money. Most humiliating is the deficiency reported from week to week, by the Treasurer of the Board. And the question presses upon us: Is Synod prepared, for want of funds, to allow any of its missionaries to be recalled from their stations, and the work they have successfully carried forward thus far, to become a total loss? Are we willing to check the growth and bar the progress of our own peculiar Church life and doctrine in this land? No; not a jot or tittle should we surrender of the territory we have acquired by the peaceful conquest of the Gospel; but we should rather, by renewed zeal and liberality, go forward in the planting of Reformed churches in every quarter of our vast missionary field, and thus respond to the call of our destitute brethren, gladden the hearts of thousands, and cause the desert to blossom as the rose.

"Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall water break out, and streams in the desert, and the thirsty land shall become springs of water."

This Synod has great cause for gratitude in the fact, that the Church is doing more for missions now than at any former period. For this we give hearty thanks unto Almighty God, who inclines the hearts of His people to do good. Great things indeed has He done for us, whereof we are glad.

But the work our hands find to do is not done with our *might*. "To the law and to the testimony." The amount contributed by the whole Church during the past eleven months, including $250—part of a legacy from the late Solomon G. Krouse, of the Cavetown (Md.) charge, is $11, 691.44. The amount paid out during the same time, is $12,147.37, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $455.98, and orders on hand unpaid, of $1,964.80, together $2,420.73.

Of the $2,523.35 pledged at the Synod of York for Missions in North Carolina and Virginia, $760.14 remain unredeemed! And some of the pledges which have been paid, instead of being cancelled by extra effort, were taken from the regular missionary collections, thus materially interfering with the operations of the Board.

To meet the necessities of the case, your Committee suggest the following:

1. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the delinquent in the Synod of York pledges for Virginia and North Carolina, to make payment of the same before the expiration of this year. Further,

WHEREAS, Missionary fields have been thrown upon the care of the Board, which might, without inconvenience, be attended to by the Classes in whose bounds they are situated,

2. *Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is ordered by Synod, that no

Classis shall apply to the Board for aid for points within its limits, which have no immediate prospects of becoming self-sustaining, and which it is possible for such Classis to supply with the means of grace, by adding such congregations to a contiguous charge or charges.

3. *Resolved*, That the pastors of this Synod be directed to take up special collections between now and Christmas, for the relief of the embarrassed condition of the Missionary Treasury.

4. *Resolved*, That the "Mission-house" at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, be hereby recommended to the favor and patronage of the Church, as an Institution well adapted to meet the wants of our purely German work in the West.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No documents in relation to Foreign Missions have come into our hands.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Treasurer of Church Extension states, that $11,362.24 was received during the past year from all sources. Paid out during the same time, $13,399.32, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $2,037.08.

The sphere of Christian activity, called Church Extension, is closely linked with Home Missions, and the success in the latter must depend, to a large extent, upon the activity we display in the promotion of the former. Young and feeble congregations, unable to build churches for themselves, justly look for aid to the Board, which represents the Church at large; and principles, both of charity and economy, should induce us to afford that aid when it is most needed, and when, consequently, it is worth most to the recipient.

Two very pressing cases for aid are brought to the notice of Synod—one, Cumberland, Md., by the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Missionary Board, who, in the name of the Board, asks speedy aid for that struggling, but prosperous and promising mission congregation; the other, by David M. Livers, Elder of St. Paul's Church, Ills., requesting Synod to recommend to the pastors within its bounds, the propriety of taking up special collections for the speedy liquidation of the debt resting upon the Shelbyville Mission Church. In reference to these points, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we commend the request of these two congregations to the favorable notice and liberality of our congregations, and direct that early efforts be made for their relief.

2. *Resolved*, That our people be again solemnly urged to introduce the Apostolic plan of benevolence, and to increase their contributions to the cause of Home Missions and Church Extension, and thus promote the efforts of the Board to meet the wants of our constantly widening Mission field.

3. *Resolved*, That all funds obtained by permit from the Board

of Home Missions, shall be reported to the Treasurer of Church Extension. Said Treasurer shall secure for the amount collected a non-interest bearing mortgage in his official name, for the Board of Church Extension, either from individual members of the congregation, or the proper charter officers of such congregation; said mortgage shall be assessable three years after date, from five to ten per cent. per annum until cancelled.

4. *Resolved*, That no permit for collecting money shall be given, if for the erection of Union churches.

"This fund once created, the Church's money would flow back gradually to its treasury for the relief of others, and the investment would be secured."

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted the following report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Nominations:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod report, that they have audited the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and found it correct. As the term of office of one of the members of this Board expires at the close of this year, this body proposes the names of Rev. C. H. Leinbach and Rev. J. Ault, as suitable candidates for the vacant office.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*

The Synod, at a time previously appointed, held an election for a Trustee, to fill the vacancy in the Board. Rev. Lewis C. Sheip and William D. C. Rodrock were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result. Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, of Stouchsburg, Berks county, Pa., was elected Trustee of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Synod be requested to insert in their annual report, the names of the members of the Board, in the order of their election, stating definitely the name of the member whose term expires, as well as the names of the persons proposed, from whom to fill the vacancy.

The following report of the Treasurer of Synod accompanying the report of the Trustees of Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Synod.*

1866.		DR.		
October	15.	To balance on hand as reported to Synod at York,		$188 87
	"	Cash received from various sources, as follows:		
	" "	Philadelphia Classis, balance on Contingent Fund, per Dr. Bomberger, Treasurer,.....		86 31
	20. "	Rev. Dr. Schaff, Copy money on Liturgy received by him, of Lindsay & Blakiston,.....		23 10
November	9. "	Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund, duplicate check, dated Oct. 6, 1866, the original check having miscarried in the mail,.....		26 00
1867.				
April	16. "	Jacob Heyser, his own check for $285, to pay Interest to April 6, 1867, on mortgage due by Wm. Heyser, deceased,.....	$135 00	
		Interest to April 10, 1867, on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser,.....	150 00	
				285 00
	26. "	Lebanon Classis, balance on Contingent Fund, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer,.....		10 78
	27. "	Coupon of 7-30 U. S. Note (of $100), No. 232,208, donated by Middletown charge,.....		3 65
	" "	Coupons on $1,000 Bond, and two $100 Bonds, 5 per cent., "Cook Legacy," in all $35, sold for currency for.....		48 30
	" "	Proceeds of Loan made from First National Bank of Harrisburg, to pay J. B. Rodgers, for Printing Synod's Minutes for 1866,.....		856 50
May	23. "	Rev. Dr. Fisher, received by him from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. D. G. Klein, Treasurer on Contingent Fund,.....		25 50
	24. "	Rev. Dr. Fisher, received by him from Phila. Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner,.....		16 00
	25. "	Mercersburg Classis, its quota of Contingent Fund, per Rev. J. Hassler, Treasurer,.....		160 00
	27. "	Lancaster Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer,.....		55 00
	" "	Goshenhoppen Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Treasurer,.....		54 52
	31. "	Lebanon Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer,.....		74 50
June	10. "	Lancaster Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer,.....		33 53
	14. "	Maryland Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Treasurer, $155, less 40 cents paid Bank for collection of check, nett....		154 60
July	22. "	Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Treasurer, Contingent Fund,.....		150 00
August	1. "	Zion's Classis, Contingent Fund, per W. A. Wilt, Esq., Treasurer,.....		160 00
	19. "	Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer, Contingent Fund,.....		29 00
	29. "	Goshenhoppen Classis, Contingent Fund, per Rev. J. H. Dubbs, Treasurer,.....		50 00
August	31. "	New York Classis, for quota of Contingent Fund, per Dr. Fisher, received by him from Rev. Busche, per H. Obersheimer, Treasurer,.....		25 00
		Amount carried over,		$2,516.16

1867.		Amount brought over,		$2,516 16
Sept.	10.	To Cash from East Pennsylvania Classis, Contingent Fund, per Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer,		160 00
	13.	" Lebanon Classis, Contingent Fund, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer,		25 00
	28.	" Goshenhoppen Classis, Contingent Fund, per Rev. J. H. Dubbs, Treasurer,		100 00
	"	" West New York Classis, per H. Troutman, Treasurer,		25 00
October	9.	" Jacob Heyser, Esq., the check of J. Allison Eyster, dated Oct. 8, 1867, payable to W. Heyser, or bearer, for $285, to pay interest to Oct. 6, 1867, on mortgage due by Wm. Heyser, deceased,	$135 00	
		Interest to October 10, 1867, on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser,	150 00	
				285 00
	10.	" Proceeds of sale of U. S. 7-30 Note, No. 232,208, of $100, the same having matured in August, 1867, being the investment of donation of the Middletown charge, and now re-invested in U. S. 5-20 Bond, dated July 1, 1867, No. 73,070,		103 65
	"	" Coupons of 7-30 Notes, "Gerhart" donation, one each, $7.30 cts., for use of Foreign Missions, Education Board, and Domestic Missions, being January and July interest for 1867,		21 90
	"	" Coupon for $25 gold, for September interest on $1000 10-40 Bond, part of "Cook" Legacy sold for currency,		35 25
				$3,271.96

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1866.		By disbursements made as follows:		
October	20.	To Rev. Dr. Schaff, expenses as a member of Liturgical Committee,		$15 00
	23.	" Rev. D. Gans, expenses as delegate to the Reformed Dutch Synod,		15 00
	"	" Rev. G. B. Russell, expenses as delegate to Synod of Ohio,		3 00
	26.	" Rev. J. H. Derr, balance due him per order of Synod,		52 44
	29.	" Rev. J. Kuelling, per order of Dr. Gerhart, expenses of Committee on European Correspondence,		4 00
1867.				
February	8.	" Rev. Dr. Nevin, expenses of Liturgical Committee,	$119 42	
		Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, included in same check, additional expenses of said Committee,	5 75	
				125 17
	"	" Rev. S. H. Giesy, expenses on Committee of Synod to confer with College Trustees,		3 50
April	27.	" J. B. Rodgers, Philadelphia, for printing, etc., Synod's Minutes for 1866,		856 50
	"	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, interest, U. S. Stamps, and premium on draft for loan made by Treasurer, to pay J. B. Rodgers,		16 02
	"	" A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, interest received on "Kieffer Legacy," $285, and on "Cook Legacy," $48.30, in all,		333 30
		Amount carried over,		$1,423.93

			Amount brought over,	$1,423.93
June	14.	To	First National Bank of Harrisburg, on account of Loan of April 27, 1867,	656 50
August	1.	"	First National Bank of Harrisburg, balance of Loan of April 27, 1867,	200 00
	31.	"	Rev. Dr. Fisher, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod, and expenses,	135 00
October	4.	"	John Wiest, Esq., Treasurer General Synod, the quota assessed by said Synod upon the Synod German Reformed Church in the United States, Contingent expenses,	300 00
	10.	"	First National Bank of Harrisburg, for U. S. 5-20 Bond, dated July 1, 1867, No. 73,070, Reinvestment of fund donated by Middletown charge,	107 38
	"	"	G. S. Griffith, for loan made by him to Rev. J. H. Derr,	25 00
	"	"	A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, interest on Kieffer and Cook Legacies,	320 25
	"	"	Rev. Dr. Fisher, Treasurer Education Board, interest on Gerhart donation,	7 30
	"	"	R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, interest on Gerhart donation,	7 30
	"	"	Charles Santee, Esq., Treasurer Home Missions, interest on Gerhart donation,	7 30
	"	"	Rev. B. Bausman and Rev. George Wolf, expenses attending meeting of Trustees of Synod,	6 90
			Balance in hand October 10, 1867,	75 10
				$3,271.96

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed to examine and audit the account of R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of Synod, do hereby certify that we have attended to said duty, and find the same correct, and that a balance is in the hands of said Treasurer of seventy-five dollars and ten cents.

GEORGE WOLFF, }
G. H. SMALL, } *Committee.*

HARRISBURG, October 10th, 1867.

Amounts still due and unpaid by several Classes to Contingent Fund.

Lebanon	$ 31 50	
Maryland	5 40	
Lancaster	109 18	
East Susquehanna	125 00	
West Susquehanna	198 75	
Clarion	65 00	
St. Paul	65 00	
		$599 83

Investments held for Synod by R. F. Kelker, Treasurer, on the 10th day of October, 1867.

"*Cook Legacy*," consisting of one U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. coupon bond, dated March 1, 1864, No. 5,130, for	$1,000	
And two U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. coupon bonds, March 1, 1864, 1st Series, Nos. 18,790 and 18,791, for $100 each,	200	$1,200 00
Carried over,		$1,200 00

Amount brought over,		$1,200 00
"*Kieffer Legacy*," consisting of promissory note of Jacob Heyser, to William Heyser, Treasurer of Synod, for $5,000, dated April 10, 1864, secured by mortgage,.....	5,000	
Also a mortgage given by Wm. Heyser (now deceased), to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, dated January 28, 1863, payable April 6, 1864, for.....	4,500	
		9,500 00
Certificate No. 6, for 24 Shares Hagerstown Bank Stock,.....		480 00
"*Gerhart donation*," consisting of		
One 7-30 U. S. Note, dated July 15, 1865, No. 285,090, B. 1, in trust for Board of Foreign Mis ions,...	100	
One do. do. do. No. 285,091, C. 1, in trust, for Board of Domestic Missions,..	100	
One do. do. do. No. 285,092, D. 1, in trust for Board of Education,.....	100	
		300 00
"*Maryland Classis*," donation towards founding a Synodical Fund, one U. S. 5-20 Coupon bond, 6 per cent., dated July 1, 1867, No. 73,070,.....		100 00
		$11,580 00

Also a certain bond (secured by mortgage) given by Second Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., dated Sept. 28, 1861, conditioned for the payment of $2,908.74, with interest from date, to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in case said congregation "should cease to remain in connection with said Synod."

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND BRETHREN:—The above, which is a true statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of your Treasurer during the past year, as also of the Amounts due by the several Classes to Synod, and of the Invested Funds now held by him, is hereby respectfully submitted. He is not aware that any claim now exists against Synod. He would respectfully ask Synod's attention to the second item of his report made to Synod of Lancaster, 1864, p. 96 of the Minutes of that year; and to the fact that the instructions embodied in the resolution immediately following the same, on p. 98 of same Minutes, have not as yet been carried out. The importance of the subject will, he trusts, be a sufficient apology for a second time bringing it to the notice of your reverend body. RUDOLPH F. KELKER.

HARRISBURG, October 10, 1867.

It was announced to Synod, that the Treasurer of Clarion Classis had remitted, in a Registered Letter by mail, to the Treasurer of Synod, $65, the amount assessed upon said Classis by the Synod last year for Contingent expenses, which letter, however, failed to reach its destination. It was therefore

Resolved, That the Classis of Clarion be exonerated from the repayment of this apportionment.

A letter was received from the Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, asking Synod to make provision for the payment of expenses incurred in removing his family to Reading, Pa,

the amount being $157. The claim was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instruction to include the amount in their apportionment of the Contingent expenses among the Classes. It was further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the amount of this claim.

The Classis of West Susquehanna, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked Synod to base the apportionments hereafter upon the number of members connected with each Classis. It was

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to relieve the West Susquehanna Classis of any undue burden in its apportionment of the Contingent expenses.

The following report was received from the Committee on Finance, and adopted:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report:

That a single document was placed in the hands of your Committee—the Report of the Treasurer of Synod. From this report we learn, that the receipts of the past year amounted to $3,271.96, and the disbursements for the same year amounted to $3,196.86; leaving in the Treasurer's hands a balance of $75.10.

The following Classes have failed to pay their assessments in full:

Lebanon Classis, $31.50; Maryland Classis, $5.40; Lancaster Classis, $109.18; East Susquehanna Classis, $125.00; West Susquehanna Classis, $198.75: Clarion Classis, $65 00; St. Paul's Classis, $65.00.

The expenditures of Synod for the current year are estimated at $1,600.00.

The amount authorized by Synod to be paid to Rev. L. D. Leberman, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions		$ 157 00
Total,		1,757 00
To defray these expenses there is a balance in the Treasury of	$ 75 10	
The amount due by above delinquent Classes,	599 83	
	$674 93	674 93
Balance to be provided for,		$1,082 07

This amount we have apportioned among the several Classes, as follows:

		New.	*Old.*	*Total.*
East Pennsylvania	Classis	$110 00		$110 00
Lebanon	"	110 00	$ 31 50	141 50
Zions	"	110 00		110 00
Maryland	"	110 00	5 40	115 40
Amount carried over,		$440 00	$36 90	$476 90

		New.	Old.	Total.
Amount brought over,		$440 00	36 90	476 90
Philadelphia	Classis	110 00		110 00
Mercersburg	"	110 00		110 00
Goshenhoppen	"	110 00		110 00
Lancaster	"	70 00	109 18	179 18
East Susquehanna	"	95 00	125 00	220 00
West Susquehanna	"	65 00	198 75	263 75
Clarion	"	40 00	65 00	105 00
St. Paul's	"	45 00	65 00	110 00
New York	"	15 00		15 00
West New York	"	20 00		20 00
Virginia	"	5 00		5 00
North Carolina	"	5 00		5 00
		$1,130.00	$599.83	$1.729.83

The Treasurer directs the attention of Synod to the second item of his report made to Synod of Lancaster, 1864, p. 96 of the Minutes of that year; and to the fact that the instructions embodied in the resolution immediately following the same, on page 98 of same Minutes, have not as yet been carried out.

The following recommendations are presented to the consideration of Synod:

That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be again directed to have the mortgage for the portion of the Kieffer Legacy executed in his name, transferred to the Treasurer of Synod.

That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 3,000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod—2,200 in the English, and 800 in the German language. Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HOFFORD, *Chairman.*

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, $300 have been assessed upon this Synod by the General Synod, for Contingent purposes. It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay this amount to the Treasurer of the General Synod.

An assessment of fifty cents was laid upon each member of Synod, for remunerating the sexton of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, for his services, and for the payment of the expenses incurred in printing tickets for the use of Synod. Rev. Frederick Pilgram was appointed to collect this assessment, who submitted the following report:

The undersigned, appointed to collect fifty cents of each member of Synod, towards defraying the expenses of printing, and for the services of the sexton, would report as follows: Collected of eighty-seven delegates, *primarii*, $43.50. Respectfully submitted,

F. PILGRAM.

The report was adopted, and it was directed that $2 of the amount be appropriated to the payment of the printing expenses, and the balance, $41.50, be paid over to the sexton.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The action of the General Synod in regard to the "Order of Worship," declaring it as proper to be used in congregations and families, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, was approved.

The General Synod, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, commended the "Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs" to the liberality and support of our people. This action also was approved.

In compliance with the direction of the General Synod, as reported by the Committee on Minutes to Synod, the Synod

Resolved, That the Classes be directed to urge upon all their ministers and congregations, the duty of devoting the regular collections in divine service, to objects of benevolence.

A letter was received from Elder Daniel Levan, delegate from the Lebanon Classis, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, asking Synod to excuse his absence. He was referred to the Lebanon Classis.

The Classes of Clarion and St. Paul, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked Synod to dismiss them, for the purpose of enabling them to unite with the Classes of Westmoreland and West New York, in the formation of a new Synod, as suggested by the General Synod.

These requests were referred back to the Classes for reconsideration.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to call the attention of the Classes to the enforcement of Article 52 of the Constitution of the Church.

The Classis of West Susquehanna requested the Synod to give an exact interpretation of the same article. It was

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be called to this article of the Constitution, and that they see to it, that its provisions be faithfully enforced.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked Synod to determine whether the Licentiate, Jacob B. Kershner, can be lawfully ordained as Tutor in the Theological Seminary. It was

Resolved, That, according to Article 7 of the Constitution, no person can be admitted to ordination, unless he shall have been appointed to a mission, or has a call from one or more congregations.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked Synod to permit it to undertake the translation of the Revised Liturgy, with a view to its publication, provided Synod does not deem it proper to undertake this work itself. The Classis of Goshenhoppen also requested Synod to take immediate measures to have the revised "Order of Worship" translated into the German language, that it may be placed in the hands of our people for trial. It was

Resolved, That this Synod sees nothing in the way of the Classis of East Pennsylvania going forward with a translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language, in case it deems it proper to undertake it.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, appealed to Synod, from a decision of the Classis of Philadelphia, overruling his decision, as President of the Classis, declaring a motion to *prohibit* the members of Classis from introducing the "Order of Worship" into their congregations, except on certain conditions specified, out of order, on the ground that the motion, in its prohibitory form, is *legislative*, and thus assumes a prerogative which belongs only to the General Synod. The appeal was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Nathaniel E. Gilds, and Elder David B. Martin, to examine into the regularity of the appeal, and if found in order, to propose the manner in which it shall be taken up by Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Appeal of Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., from the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia, beg leave to report:

That they find the appeal in order, and would recommend the following action:

1. That the papers be read before Synod.
2. That the appellant have leave to state the grounds of his appeal.
3. That the delegates of said Classis appoint one of their number, or any other member of Synod, to respond in behalf of Classis.
4. That the appellant be then allowed to close.
5. That the first two speeches be limited to thirty, and the closing speech to fifteen minutes.
6. That the vote be then taken without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY DUBBS, *Chairman.*

The taking up of the appeal was made the order of the day for the morning of the fifth day of the sessions, at 10 o'clock. At the time

appointed, the appeal was taken up. The papers in the case were read, and the appellant and the Classis, through its representative, the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, were heard. The vote was taken upon a motion to sustain the appeal, by *Yeas* and *Nays*, with the following result:

Yeas.—W. R. Hofford, I. K. Loos, J. Laubach, J. Knecht, T. S. Johnston, J. P. Stein, D. B. Albright, H. Wagner, J. E. Hiester, D. Small, J. O. Miller, E. Kieffer, W. F. P. Davis, W. A. Wilt, P. Stambaugh, D. Wolff, D. G. Bragonier, H. Wissler, W. J. Hensell, J. Lantz, T. Fouse, A. C. Witmer, E. E. Higbee, S. N. Callender, T. G. Apple, A. B. Wingerd, F. Hyle, D. Aurandt, D. B. Martin, D. Dunn, L. J. Mayer, J. H. Dubbs, G. W. Aughinbaugh, I. F. Yost, E. Hartranft, J. W. Nevin, A. H. Kremer, W. H. H. Snyder, D. W. Gross, W. M. Nevin, J. H. Apple, W. C. Houpt, C. Fullmer, G. B. Russell, C. R. Dieffenbacher, F. Pilgram, J. L. Leberman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, L. C. Sheip, H. Mosser, W. C. Cremer, S. S. Miller, D. Eschbach, G. C. Welker, W. H. Groh, J. Zellers, J. K. Millet, S. Kryder, and M. Brown.—Total *Yeas*, 59.

Nays.—S. Philips, I. S. Wiesz. J. Lerch, J. Coover, W. D. C. Rodrock, S. Wetzel, J. Ingold, J. F. Busche, H. Obersheimer, D. Heitshu, J. Steiner, F. A. Rupley, N. E. Gilds, W. F. Colliflower, J. Yeisley, F. Achey, J. Shreiner, and C. W. Haller.—Total *Nays*, 18.

The appeal was accordingly sustained.

The delegates of the Classis of Philadelphia gave notice, that the Classis would take an appeal from this decision of Synod to the General Synod. Rev. Samuel N. Callender, George B. Russell and Dr. Thomas G. Apple were appointed a committee to sustain Synod's position before the General Synod, in case the appeal be carried up to it by the Classis of Philadelphia.

The Consistory of the Sagertown charge, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, appealed to Synod from the action of the St. Paul's Classis. in declining to unite the Brown's congregation to said charge. The appeal was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. William F. Colliflower, Jeremiah Ingold, and Elder William A. Wilt, to examine the documents in the case, and if found in order, to propose the manner in which it shall be taken up by Synod.

This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Sagertown Consistory from the action of the St. Paul's Classis, in regard to the petition from the Sagertown congregation, respectfully report:

That they have examined the papers pertaining to the matter, and find them in order. The appeal was taken, and the proper notification was given according to the requirements of the Constitution.

The committee would recommend—

1. That the papers in the case be read before the Synod.

2. That the case be opened by the appellant.

3. That the case be concluded in behalf of the Classis by its representative, with permission to the appellant to reply, in a speech of ten minutes.

4. The speakers shall each be limited to thirty minutes.

5. The vote to be taken without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. COLLIFLOWER, *Chairman.*

It was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon session, immediately after the close of the elections, to take up the appeal. Rev. Joseph H. Apple was appointed to prosecute the appeal in behalf of the consistory. At the time appointed, the appeal was taken up. Rev. Joseph H. Apple was heard in support of the appeal, and the Rev. George B. Russell in defence of the Classis, after which the vote was taken upon a motion to sustain the appeal, when it was lost, by a unanimous vote.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported the action of the Classis of St. Paul, restoring the Rev. David B. Ernst to the Christian ministry. In connection with this item, it was

Resolved, That the case of the Rev. David B. Ernst be referred back to the Classis of St. Paul for readjudication.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, A tract entitled "Proceedings of the Convention of Ministers and Laymen belonging to the German Reformed Church held at Meyerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., September 24th and 25th, 1867," has been published under the *imprimatur* of said Convention, and scattered far and wide among our churches; and,

WHEREAS, There is contained in this tract an address by the Rev. A. S. Vaughan, published by special request of the Convention, in which theological views are proclaimed, that seem plainly to be unsound and contrary to the Heidelberg Catechism. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis of Lebanon, of which Mr. Vaughan is a member, be ordered to call him to account for his views thus publicly expressed, and to institute such inquiry into his case as may serve to vindicate properly the doctrinal orthodoxy of our Reformed Church.

The following paper was presented and adopted:

The undersigned, having been appointed by the General Synod to look after our Church interests in Washington city, has learned enough to make it desirable that this Synod, in order to meet the immediate and pressing demands of the case, should take the following action:

1. That the Board of Missions be requested to appoint forthwith a suitable person to organize a congregation of the Reformed Church in

that city, out of such material as may be found there ready to unite in such an organization.

2. That the Maryland Classis of this Synod, within whose bounds the said interest lies, be and is hereby directed immediately to take such measures as may be necessary to secure and hold any title we may have rightfully held, or do now hold, to any church property in that city, for the use of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL,

Com. of General Synod.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to coöperate with the Maryland Classis, in attending to the interests of the congregation in Washington. Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias, John S. Foulk and George B. Russell constitute this committee.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No report was received from the Committee on Sunday School Literature. The committee, however, was continued.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Board of Publication, and referred to the Committee on Publication:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, OCT., 1867.

The Board held regular monthly meetings during the year, which were fully attended, and gave particular attention to the important interests entrusted to its care. The publication operations of the Church have gone steadily forward, and, though such general co-operation and consequent success were not realized, as was to be de-

sired or expected, yet they have not been unattended with encouraging results.

Nearly three editions of the Revised "Order of Worship" have been sold. As a strong desire was expressed in several quarters for an edition of it in the German language, the Board endeavored to secure a good translation of it, with a view to meet this desire, but was unsuccessful in its efforts. As the attention of the Synod will be called to this subject by at least two of the Classes, the Board deemed it expedient to arrest its efforts, and await the issue of the requests of these Classes.

As the large edition of the English Hymn Book had been for some time exhausted, and repeated calls were made for copies of the book in this form, the Board had a handsome edition of it published, so that the wants in this direction are fully provided for.

The Synod at its last annual meeting submitted the propriety of resuming the publication of the *Church Quarterly Review* to the discretion of the Board. At its first meeting, after the adjournment of Synod, the subject was discussed, and after mature deliberation, it was determined, in dependence upon the Great Head of the Church, to enter upon the publication of such a quarterly, to commence in the month of January following, or as soon thereafter as possible. The services of the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh as editor were secured, and the publication of the quarterly accordingly commenced. One full volume has been issued. The review has been edited with marked ability. It has met with as much encouragement as was reasonably to have been expected. The number of subscribers secured is respectable. A considerable addition, however, is needed to make it self-sustaining, and to insure its continuance, and this, there is every reason to believe, will be furnished.

In order to enable the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh to assume the editorship of the *Review*, it was necessary to relieve him of duties which had previously devolved upon him in other directions. Accordingly, the editorship of the *Guardian* was transferred to the Rev. B. Bausman, and that of the *Child's Treasury* to the Rev. A. C. Witmer, under whose editorial management these several periodicals have gone successfully forward.

The publication of our periodicals has been successfully prosecuted during the year. The Synod failed at its last annual meeting to make any arrangements for eliciting the general co-operation of the Church in their behalf. The Board did the best it could, in the circumstances, to awaken an increased interest in their favor, but were not as successful as was to have been desired.

The *Messenger* reports a few less subscribers than it did one year ago. This arose, not from a more than usual number of discontinuances during the year, but from the want of anything like a decisive or general effort to add to the subscription list. This inactivity was doubtless partly occasioned by the fact, that a change in the form of

the paper was desired and expected. No special movement in its favor could, in these circumstances, be awaited, until the contemplated change should be made. The Board, accordingly, after mature deliberation, resolved, at its meeting in July last, to issue the *Messenger*, with the commencement of the next volume, in September, in the form of a large double sheet. At the same time, as it was desirable, that a slight change be made in the title of the paper, and the commencement of a new volume in a new form was the most appropriate time for doing this, the Board assumed the responsibility of making it, confident that it would meet with the cordial approval of Synod. The paper was accordingly issued at the time proposed in the new form, under the title of the *Reformed Church Messenger*. To meet a want generally expressed for a cheap paper, the Board also concluded to issue a small paper, one half the size of the large one, and to contain the principal amount of the matter published in the latter.

The new enterprise, we are gratified to be able to state, has met with unwonted favor. The prospects of an awakened general interest and effort in behalf of the paper, are truly flattering, and there is reason to believe, that the coming year will show more than usual activity in this direction. At all events, such a result will be indispensable to warrant the increased expenditure incurred, and to insure the continued existence of the paper in this form.

The decrease in the subscription list of the *Kirchenzeitung* has been more serious than in that of the *Messenger*, though, perhaps, it was not greater than was to have been expected, in consequence of the establishment of another paper in a region, from which it naturally drew a considerable amount of its support. It is to be hoped, that measures will be taken to make up the deficiency in some way, without interfering with the new enterprise, and thus insure the successful continuance of a paper which has done so much for the Church in times past, and which is still felt to be indispensable to meet an important want in various directions.

The subscription list of the *Guardian* has been somewhat increased, and the publication under its new editor is evidently growing in favor. The circulation of the *Child's Treasury* has been steadily increasing, and promises to continue to do so, in view of the welcome reception with which it generally meets, so that its publication may be regarded as a success. We are gratified to be also able to say, that the subscription list of the *Lämmerhirte* has likewise increased somewhat, though it has not yet reached a point to make it self-sustaining. It is to be hoped, that this desired end will soon be attained, as it would be a calamity to the German portion of the Church, should it become necessary to abandon this enterprise.

The operations of the book department during the year have been quite encouraging. A very considerable amount of sales have been effected, and the department, we have reason to believe, has been no unimportant agency in aiding our Sunday-schools to replenish and

improve their libraries, and our ministry, to add to their stock of valuable publications. It is confidently expected, that, by proper co-operation on the part of the Church, this department will become still more efficient and serviceable in time to come.

The Board, through its agents, have made special efforts to collect its outstanding dues. It has not, however, met with the success that was desired, and necessary to place the affairs of the establishment in a properly healthful condition. These efforts, it is the purpose of the Board, to have diligently prosecuted in future, and it is hoped that the success will be greater than it has been in the past. It is not desirable for the interests of the establishment, nor for those of its patrons, that the accounts of the latter, should, in so many cases, remain unsettled. Large sales and prompt returns are the essential elements of success.

The Synod failed last year, notwithstanding the request of the Board, to make any efficient arrangements for securing the funds needed (the providing of which was contemplated in the resolutions adopted at Lancaster, in 1864) to furnish a church literature, and secure a suitable house for the accommodation of our Publication operations. In these circumstances, the Board felt itself called upon to do what it could in the way of securing funds at least for the former object. It accordingly caused a circular to be issued to the pastors and consistories of the churches, in which the claims of the cause were briefly presented and urged, and a request made for a collection to be taken up in each of the congregations, the proceeds of which should be appropriated to the stereotyping and publishing suitable books adapted to the wants of the Church. We regret to be compelled to say, that this measure received very little attention, and but few responses were returned. But little more was realized from it than was necessary to cover the expenses incurred in issuing the circular.

The publication of works adapted to the spirit and necessities of the Church is certainly an enterprise of the greatest importance to its interests. So the Board regard it, and in the same light it is viewed by all sincere and ardent friends of the Church. It is to be presumed, therefore, that the sooner the end therein contemplated can be secured the better, and any measure likely to insure it, must meet with favor, and be attended with success. The Board, therefore, after mature deliberation, at its last meeting, with a view to provide for the wants of the Church in this direction, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved:—That Synod be requested to take effective measures to provide a church literature:

Resolved:—That, for the purpose of securing this object, it be recommended to Synod, to provide for the appointment of a "Book Editor," whose duty it shall be to raise funds to be devoted to this object, and to procure suitable books, and superintend the publication of such of them, as shall be approved under the arrangement of Synod.

The measure here contemplated is earnestly commended to the attention of Synod.

The Board did not see its way clear, as authorized by the Synod of last year, to move in the appointment of an associate Editor of the *Messenger, ad interim.* It, however, made other arrangements for strengthening the Editor's hands, in the way of adding to the corps of editorial contributors, and relieving him of some of the accumulating clerical labor, which, there is reason to believe, has proved satisfactory to the Church.

It affords the Board pleasure to state, that Philip Fisher, Esq., of Lebanon, Pa., has kindly presented to it the stereotype plates of a work written by the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, entitled "Youth in Earnest," and containing an interesting memoir of his son Theodore D. Fisher, for which the Board has returned to him a vote of thanks.

The Board takes occasion to renew its suggestion to Synod in regard to the propriety of procuring an act of incorporation for the Board, which was by some means overlooked by the Synod of last year.

It is a pleasure to the Board to be able to state, that the parties it has found necessary to employ in carrying forward the publication operations, have rendered satisfaction in their several departments. The relations with all during the year have been most pleasant.

A very full and satisfactory statement of the operations of the Board during the year, and of the present condition of the establishment, was presented at its late annual meeting. For the inspection of Synod, if desired, this statement is within reach. At the same time, we here append a brief synopsis of it as a part of our report, which it is desirable should go before the Church, in order to furnish an intelligent view of the condition of our publication affairs.

RECEIPTS:

Messenger, subscription and advertising,	$8,085 00
Kirchenzeitung, " "	3.472 34
Guardian, " "	1,208 37
Child's Treasury, " "	2.181 53
Lämmerhirte, " "	1,075 37
Review, (9 months,) " "	929 00
Relief, " "	2,921 95
Publication Fund, " "	76 90
Balance realized on sale of lot,	3 803 83
Receipts in store,	16,657 98
	$40,412 27
Less receipts than disbursements,	594 31
	$41,006 58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Principal on notes,	$1,335 70	
Interest account,	263 00	
Binding bills,	2,942 97	
Messenger, composition and expediting,	3,835 42	
Kirchenzeitung, "	2,429 85	
Guardian. "	1,003 90	
Review, (3 nos.,) "	665 88	
Child's Treasury, "	625 35	
Lämmerhirte, "	458 60	
Paper, Messenger, "	2,680 47	
" Kirchenzeitung, "	1,233 30	
" Guardian, "	467 65	
" Review, "	276 00	
" Child's Treasury, "	1,729 90	
" Lämmerhirte, "	681 12	
" For books, &c., "	6,270 15	
Percentage on Collections,	842 20	
" Relief,	135 00	
Insurance policies,	130 00	
Salaries for editors, contributors and other employees,	4,975 00	
Order of Worship plates,	662 50	
Postage account,	315 25	
Rent,	475 00	
Rodgers, press-work, &c.,	2,821 10	
All other expenses, such as purchase of stock in store, &c., &c.,	3,751 27	$41,006 58

LIABILITIES.

1866, October 1,	$9,008 61	
1867, October 1,	8,297 22	
Decrease of liabilities,	$711 39	

ASSETS:

Due on Book accounts,	$6,596 86
" Messenger, (estimated)	5,300 00
" Kirchenzeitung, "	2,700 00
" Guardian,	1,100 00
" Review,	162 00
" Child's Treasury,	1,126 85
" Lämmerhirte,	663 00
Stock in hand on Books and Stationery,	7,326 86
Books in sheets,	2,856 50
Due bills,	600 00
Stereotypes,	3,142 50
Amount carried over,	$31 574 57

Amount brought forward,	$31,574 57
Paper on hand,.....	1,266 90
Fixtures,.....	800 00
Cuts,.....	300 00
Total Assets, 1867, Oct.,.....	$33,941 47
" 1866, Oct.,.....	33,591 39
Increase of Assets,.....	$350 08

NEW SUBSCRIBERS OBTAINED DURING THE YEAR.

Messenger,.....	382
Kirchenzeitung,.....	264
Guardian,.....	235

	1866	1867		
Subscribers to Messenger, ...	3,408	3,350	Decrease,	58
" Kirchenzeitung,.....	3,032	2,800	"	232
" Guardian,.....	1,150	1,200	Increase,	50
" Review,.....	...	386	...	...
" Child's Treasury,,...17,506		20,000	"	2,494
" Lämmerhirte,.....	6,072	6,950	"	878

COST OF PAPERS DURING THE YEAR, EXCLUSIVE OF EDITING AND CLERK HIRE.

Messenger, paper, composition, press-work and expediting,.....		$5,15 89	
	Receipts,		$8,085 00
Kirchenzeitung, "	.....	3,663 15	
	Receipts,		$3,472 34
Review, "	.....	941 85	
	Receipts,		$929 64
Guardian, "	.....	1,471 55	
	Receipts,		$1,208 37
Child's Treasury, "	.....	2,355 25	
	Receipts,		$2,181 53
Lämmerhirte, "	.....	1,139 72	
	Receipts,		$1,075 37

Volumes printed,.....27,290.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

JOHN WIEST, *Secretary.*

The following Report was received from the Committee appoirted to issue the German paper, in the interests of the German population of East Pennsylvania, read and referred to the Committee on Publication:

Your Committee appointed to establish and conduct a German paper in the interests of the German members of the Church in Eastern Pennsylvania, herewith submits its second report:

As proposed in last year's report, the issue of the publication was commenced in Reading, Pa., early in January last, under the title, "Der Reformirte Hausfreund." The Rev. B. Bausman consented, after much persuasion, to take charge of the paper, notwithstanding his many other labors for the Church. He has rendered satisfaction, and also signified his willingness to edit the paper in future.

The paper has made rapid progress. In a few months, it gained access to many dwellings, and secured many friends. This is regarded as an evidence of its being needed. The subscription list contains about twenty-four hundred names. According to this number, counting one dollar per year for each subscriber, the subscription price fixed upon, the yearly income will amount to as many hundred dollars. As, however, several hundred must be deducted from these for commissions and exchanges, and as many of them commenced their subscriptions at the beginning of the second half-year, an income of only about $1,900, will remain. The cost of publishing the paper for the first eight months is $1,275, and for the remaining four months, it will be $625. The expenditure of the present year accordingly will be likewise $1900. It will thus be seen, that the paper, in the first year of its publication, has covered expenses. It is true, the Editor, in this matter makes an offering to the Church, which is generally reckoned at $1000. He is, however, God be praised, able and willing to make the offering. Without being subjected to any outlay, the Reverend Synod has herewith secured an organ, through which many thousands of the members of the Church are reached, which could not have been reached without it.

The "Hausfreund,' is yet to be brought fully into existence. Not even the whole of the plan laid out for it has yet been taken up. The first item under the first head has not been touched, as it was thought best that it should first secure for itself confidence and respect, before it could treat properly this point, the material for which is found in many directions. The "Hausfreund" lays claim to only *one thing*, namely, its purpose to promote the prosperity and welfare of the members of the Pennsylvania German portion of our Church. It, therefore, very politely declines all criticism, which does not bear on this point.

The committee are fully convinced, that the paper will operate in our Church, not without important results. In order, however, that it may fully accomplish its mission, the subscription list should contain not less than five thousand names. This number could easily be secured, were the Synod through the Classes, to make it the duty of the several pastors, to introduce the "Hausfreund" into every Pennsylvania German family, where such introduction is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HELFRICH,
C. H. LEINBACH, } *Committee.*
P. S. FISHER,

The Committee on Publication submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication submit the following report:—

From the documents placed in the hands of your Committee, it appears, that the interests of the Church in this department of Christian labor have been prosecuted during the past year, with energy and success. The Board of Publication merit, and should receive, the sympathy and coöperation of the Church. Its finances are in a healthy condition. The *Review*, which in past years did efficient service in the cause of truth, has been revived; the *Messenger* has been enlarged, and a smaller edition of the same paper, containing the principal matter of the larger one, has been issued. All that is needed to invest these interests with new life, and in a short time to render them self-supporting, is united and energetic effort on the part of the whole Church. With the view of reaching this end, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved: That the action of the Board of Publication, in reviving the *Review*, and the arrangements entered into for its editorial management, together with the changes necessitated thereby in the editorial departments of the *Guardian* and *Child's Treasury*, be approved.

2. That, in changing the name of the *German Reformed Messenger* to that of REFORMED CHURCH MESSENGER, and the issuing of it in double and single sheet editions, the Board hereby receive the sanction of Synod.

3. That our pastors and consistories be earnestly requested to interest themselves in behalf of our periodical church literature, with the view of placing the *Review*, the *Guardian*, the *Messenger*, and other papers, so far as this may be practicable, in every family belonging to our Church within their respective fields.

4. That the attention of those, who are most deeply interested in the *Kirchenzeitung*, be directed to its wants, and they be requested to put forth increased efforts to increase its circulation.

The Board renews its request, that Synod "make efficient arrangements" to carry out the objects contemplated in the action of Synod at its meeting in Lancaster in 1864, viz: "to furnish a Church Literature, and secure a suitable house for the accommodation of our Publication operations." Your Committee need say nothing in favor of this interest. The prosperity of the Church, under God, depends in large measure, on a cheap and sound Christian literature. In view of the importance of this interest, your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved: That Synod concur with the Board of Publication in the opinion, that the appointment of a "Book Editor" is indispensable to furnish the Church with a sound Christian literature, and that Synod proceed at once to the appointment of such Editor.

2. That the duties of the "Book Editor shall be to raise funds to be devoted to this object, and to procure suitable books, and superin-

tend the publication of such of them as shall be approved under the arrangement of Synod.

3. That the Board of Publication be authorized to fix the salary of the "Book Editor," and to pay him out of the proceeds of his particular department.

Your Committee appreciate the anxiety of the Board to secure a suitable place for the accommodation of our Publication operations, but in view of the urgent demand made upon the Church from other quarters, we cannot see our way clear to recommend any efficient action at this time.

The Board suggests to Synod the propriety of empowering it to procure an "act of incorporation." In reference to this suggestion, your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved: That the Board of Publication be requested to draft a copy of the proposed act of incorporation, and present it to the next annual meeting of Synod for consideration and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. AUGHINBAUGH, *Chairman.*

Synod proceeded to elect a "Book Editor," as provided for in the above report. The election resulted in the choice of the Rev. George B. Russell.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk of Synod, in reference to the publication of the Acts and Proceedings of Synod for 1867, and adopted:

The Stated Clerk reports, that he had the number of copies of the proceedings of the last annual Synod published, both in the German and English languages, as ordered by Synod, and distributed among those entitled to receive them. The expenses incurred in publishing them are stated in the Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully request the Board of Publication to issue a small, or pocket edition of the "Order of Worship," at the earliest day, which in their wisdom shall be deemed practicable.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to publish a partial edition of the revised "Order of Worship," said partial edition to contain the following forms: The Lord's Day Service, both for Morning and Evening; the Service Preparatory to the Communion; the Communion Service, and the Burial Service.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee to whom was referred by the Synod of last year, the subject of lay-baptism, as presented by the Classis of East Pennsylvania, submitted their report. At the same time also, a report was presented from a minority of the committee. They were received and laid on the table, until the next annual meeting of Synod. It was ordered, that these reports be not incorporated in the Minutes of Synod, but published in the "Reformed Church Messenger."

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to define the boundary line between the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Commissioners, appointed by the Synod of York, Oct., 1866, to define the boundary line between East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen Classes, beg leave to report:

That, after full consideration of the whole subject, they have agreed upon the following natural line as the boundary line between these two Classes, viz.: The Lehigh River from Easton to the Junction of the East Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley Railroads, and from this Junction, the Lehigh Mountain to the boundary of the Lebanon Classis.

Your Commissioners would only add, that, by the terms of their appointment, this decision is final in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BECK,
P. S. FISHER,
C. H. LEINBACH, } *Committee.*

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, adopted a resolution, declaring the act of Synod empowering a committee to define a boundary line between it and the Classis of Goshenhoppen, unconstitutional, and directing the attention of Synod thereto. It was

Resolved, That Synod reaffirm its action of last year in reference to this subject, and that the Classis of East Pennsylvania be directed to acquiesce in this decision.

The Committee on Overtures reported the documents from the Meyerstown Convention referred to them, to be two copies in pamphlet form of the Proceedings of said Convention, in which are contained sundry resolutions and requests to this Synod, in regard to the revised "Order of Worship." It was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the character of the Meyerstown Convention, and of the documents presented to this body by the said Convention, with a view to ascertain whether it would be proper to receive the aforesaid documents. The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, William F. P. Davis, Amos H. Kremer, and Elders George C. Welker and Joseph Laubach were appointed this committee.

To this same committee was referred the request of the Classis of Lebanon to Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, not to entertain a memorial from the Meyerstown Convention.

The reception of the report of this committee was made the order of the day for the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, at 10 o'clock. At the time appointed, the committee submitted their report. The report was received, taken up item by item, and after a lengthy discussion, during which a motion was offered to strike out the first resolution, and subsequently another, to lay the whole report on the table, with a view to admit of the reception of a substitute, both of which were lost. The several items in the report were successively adopted, and finally the report itself adopted as a whole, by a decisive vote. This report is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Meyerstown Convention, to consider and report on the character of said convention, as to whether it would be proper for this Synod to entertain any communication from that body, respectfully report:

The only document placed in the hands of your committee, is the Report of the Proceedings of the Convention of Ministers, Elders, and Laymen belonging to the German Reformed Church, held at Meyerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., September 24th and 25th, 1867, and a request to Synod from the Lebanon Classis, in reference to this convention.

From this document we learn, that the convention recently held at Meyerstown, was called for the purpose of protesting against "the innovations of the Revised Liturgy, as a standard of faith and order of worship in the Reformed Church.

The call for this convention, it seems, was sent out by individuals in the Church, who are dissatisfied with the action of this Synod and the General Synod, on the subject of the Liturgy. This call was sent to individuals in different congregations, who share in this dissatisfaction, and by them was privately passed around to obtain signatures. Thus far the work was done secretly, without the knowledge or action of the regular authorities of the congregations. In this way there were gathered at Meyerstown thirty-four ministers, two of whom were from the Western Synod, and about one hundred and sixty elders and laymen. The call for the convention is as follows:

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH CONVENTION.

"WHEREAS, An extreme Liturgical movement, at variance with the practice, the legitimate historical character, and the established Con-

stitution of the German Reformed Church, is now in progress, and it is believed, that the material and essential changes proposed and pressed by this movement, would effect a most pernicious revolution in our worship and life, occasion increased diversities, and cause dissension and divisions; and,

"WHEREAS, The attempt to introduce the Liturgy into congregasions by pastors and Consistories, without first obtaining the consent of the people, is contrary to the principles of our Constitution and religious freedom; and,

"WHEREAS, It is both right and constitutional that, in such a crisis as the above named movement is believed to have brought upon the Church, those who realize the danger, and with deep concern for the welfare of the Church, desire to have it averted, should meet for conference and prayer:

"Therefore, the undersigned ministers, elders, and members of the German Reformed Church, affectionately invite all, who desire to have the true historical worship and doctrines of the Church maintained, against the efforts now being made by the leading advocates of the extreme peculiarities of the new Order of Worship, essentially to change our cultus, to meet in fraternal Christian conference on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Meyerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., for the purpose of seeking divine guidance and aid, and of consulting with each other in regard to the best constitutional means of preventing the evils to which we believe the Church is exposed."

The convention held four sessions, and adopted a series of principles and propositions, several of which were ordered to be presented to this Synod, and afterwards by motion, the whole proceedings were so referred.

In considering the nature and character of this convention, your committee find, in the first place, that it is a body not recognized by the Constitution of the Church. The government of the Reformed Church rests in its regular church courts, the Consistory, the Classis, the Synod, and the General Synod. Through these, all matters pertaining to the government or legislation of the Church, must be attended to, and through these also, all real or supposed grievances may be presented. It is not meant by this, of course, that no other meeting can be constitutionally held. The history of the Church, however, shows how guarded it has been in regard to holding conventions of any kind. Recently two conventions have been held, viz.: those held during the year 1863, when the Church celebrated the Ter-centenary jubilee of the Heidelberg Catechism. Although the holding of these conventions had quite a different purpose from that of protesting against, or sitting in judgment upon any action of the Church through its regular courts, yet it was deemed necessary and proper not to enter upon the initiatory steps for calling these conventions, without first requesting, through regular Classical action, the permission and autho-

rity of Synod, and it was only when these were obtained, that the call was issued, and that was done by the Synod itself. Besides, these were conventions of the *whole* Church, not of a party or faction, and the members were regularly delegated by the action of the Consistories. That this caution is right and proper, is plain, if we only consider the respect due to the judicatories of the Church, and the great danger which must attend the holding of such conventions without the permission and authority of these judicatories. This danger is greatly increased, when the object is to send out to the world a protest against any action the Church has taken, or to sit in judgment and condemn such action. When this is the case, such self-constituted body becomes schismatic in its aims and tendencies, and thus calculated to endanger the peace and unity of the Church.

We find, in the second place, in the Acts and Proceedings of the Meyerstown Convention, abundant evidence of the design to bring this new power to bear against the decisions of the highest judicatory of the Church. We need only refer to one of the propositions adopted, to show this. The third proposition is as follows: "This convention is fully persuaded, that the 'Revised Liturgy' not only contains a form of service widely different from the old Reformed Liturgies, but that it contains also, doctrinal statements, and proposes a sacramental theory, which we believe to be at variance with the Heidelberg Catechism and the Word of God." It is known, that the orthodoxy of the Order of Worship was assailed at the General Synod at Dayton, and that the decision of that body pronouncing it a book proper to be used in our congregations and families, was clearly against this charge. The General Synod pronounced, that it was desirable that the Liturgical movement in our Church should be left to work out its legitimate results in a free and untrammelled way, and what it meant by this must be clear from the fact, that it followed this declaration by declaring the Revised Liturgy a book proper to be used. The Meyerstown convention, after pronouncing the book heretical, sets itself against the allowed use of this book, with all the power and means it can command. This, it seems to your committee, is rebellious.

The convention, moreover, sits in judgment on the character of this venerable Synod, pronouncing that, "as for some years constituted, it does not, by any means, represent the Church on the Liturgical question," and gives as a reason, that "its ministers have been so educated, as not to represent a majority of the people." When, now, we consider that the Synod has been constituted in the only way it can be constitutionally constituted, viz.: by the appointment of delegates in the regular way from the several Classes, and that our ministers have been educated by the institutions of the Church, under Synod's supervision and control, we can see in this charge nothing more nor less than a gross slander and insult to this reverend body. The remark in reference to representing the majority of the people, seems to indicate,

if it mean any thing at all, an unrighteous design to array the people against the holy ministry, whom they are taught to respect and reverence. This is confirmed by remarks made by members of the convention.

We find in the proceedings of the convention, also, that it made provision for its permanent existence, in case its requests are not granted. In regard to the matter of starting a church paper, which the convention regarded as leading to schism, and which was voted down, a delegate said, "Let us say nothing, except to ask Synod to hear our complaints, and redress our grievances; and if that is not done, then the officers of this convention may be empowered to call another convention of the German Reformed Church." This suggestion was agreed to, and a business committee was appointed "to look after the interests of the German Reformed Church, as represented by this convention, who may at any time request the President to call a meeting of the convention."

In view of these facts, your committee cannot but regard this convention as bearing upon its face a schismatical character, and its insinuations and charges as highly insulting to this reverend Synod.

We note the fact also, in this connection, that the Lebanon Classis, within whose bounds the convention was held, sends to Synod a request that said convention shall not be recognized by this Synod. We, therefore, recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That regarding the Meyerstown convention, as constituted without any proper authority known to the Constitution of the Church, and without the permission or authority of this Synod, and as arraying itself against the decisions of the Church through its highest judicatories, in a way calculated to foster the spirit of schism in our congregations and among our people, this Synod cannot, consistently, with any sense of self-respect or regard for the true dignity and authority with which it is vested, recognize or entertain any propositions from said convention.

2. *Resolved*, That while this Synod cannot receive the papers submitted by said convention, it has no design to shut out the right of petition or complaint in its proper constitutional form, but is ready and willing to consider any alleged grievances, when presented in the proper way.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod appoint a committee to prepare a pastoral letter, to be addressed to the churches, touching the subject now brought to its knowledge, and to give proper counsel and advice in reference to certain statements, which have been published to the world in a certain pamphlet, purporting to be the proceedings of the convention held in Meyerstown, and to take into consideration the present posture of the Liturgical Question in the Reformed Church.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod, in thus pronouncing the Meyerstown convention irregular and schismatic, earnestly and solemnly enjoins upon all the members within her bounds, to abstain from attending

all such meetings as are calculated to interfere with the peace and prosperity of the Church.

THOMAS G. APPLE,
A. H. KREMER,
W. F. P. DAVIS,
G. C. WELKER,
JOS. LAUBACH.
} *Committee.*

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Dr. John W. Nevin, Amos H. Kremer, and Elders George C. Welker and Joseph Laubach, were appointed a committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter provided for in the above report. This committee subsequently reported the following, which was received and adopted:

PASTORAL LETTER.

The Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States to the churches under our pastoral guidance and care: Grace to you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has seemed good to this Synod, to whom has been committed the sacred trust of your spiritual guidance in things pertaining to salvation, seeking the direction of the Holy Ghost, to address to you this Pastoral Letter, touching a subject which nearly concerns the peace and prosperity of the Church. It is known to you, that this venerable Synod, in response to the request of the Classes and the wishes of the people, and moved thereto by an earnest desire to promote the glory of God in the advancement of the interests of His kingdom, years ago solemnly entered upon the work of preparing a Liturgy, or Order of Worship, which might assist us in the worship of the only true and living God, according to the directions of His Holy Word, and the goodly example of His holy Church in all ages. After having prepared this Liturgy with much diligence and care, and revised it according to the urgent request of the Classes, and the direction of the General Synod, it was sent up to that highest judicatory of the German Reformed Church in this country, to do with it what might seem good in its judgment, under the direction and guidance of the Great Head of the Church

The General Synod at its meeting in Dayton, Ohio, held in November and December, 1866, adopted the following action, which we herewith quote:

"*Whereas*, It is most desirable and important that the movement in the German Reformed Church, in reference to Liturgical Worship, should be left to work out its legitimate results in a free and untrammelled way; and in view, moreover, of the fact, that the Western Synod has not yet finished the work which it has in hand, and asks still further time for its completion—which in the nature of the case precludes the possibility of referring the subject to the Classes at the present time; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Western Synod, in conformity with its own request, be authorized to continue its labors in preparing a Liturgy.

Resolved, 2. That the Revised Liturgy reported to this Synod, according to the direction of the General Synod of Pittsburg, entitled an *Order of Worship for the Reformed Church*, be, and is hereby allowed as an Order of Worship proper to be used in the congregations and families of the Reformed Church.

Resolved, 3. That this action is not designed to interfere, in any way, with that freedom which is now enjoyed in regard to the Liturgy, by all such ministers and congregations as may not be prepared to introduce it in whole or in part."

Under this action, to which all our churches, ministers, and people, are bound to render all due respect and reverence, the *Order of Worship* has gone forth, in the work and mission thus assigned it. Having been thus pronounced an Order of Worship proper to be used in the congregations and families of the Reformed Church, our ministers very generally have received it in this character, and so far as they deemed it prudent, they have placed it before the people and introduced it into their churches. So far as the facts in the case have come to the knowledge of this Synod, we have reason to believe, that the pastors within its bounds have endeavored faithfully to conform to the action of the General Synod, with a tender and earnest regard to the highest interests of the congregations and charges committed to their care.

It has come to the knowledge of this Synod, however, that a number of the ministers and members within its bounds, have differed in their views of the character of this Order of Worship, from the views of this Synod, and the General Synod. They have regarded the Liturgical movement in the Reformed Church, which the General Synod desired might be left to "work out its legitimate results in a free and untrammelled way," as a great Liturgical evil. In order to give their opposition to this movement greater power, they arranged to hold a Convention of all who were of like mind with themselves, and they accordingly assembled at Meyerstown, on the 24th and 25th September last. In their call for said Convention, they characterized this movement as an "extreme liturgical movement, at variance with the legitimate historical character, and the established Constitution of the German Reformed Church," they sat in judgment on the Order of Worship which the General Synod pronounced proper to be used in our congregations and families, and characterized it as a book containing the most dangerous heresy. They adopted a series of propositions in direct and flagrant opposition to the action of the General Synod, and presented their petition to this Synod, that it would interfere, and arrest the use of the liturgy in the form in which, by permission of the General Synod, it has gone forth to the churches.

This Synod, after duly examining the proceedings of this Convention, refused to recognize this body, and regarded it as having entered upon an unwise, dangerous, and schismatic course of action in

relation to the Church. It pronounced this judgment upont, and enjoined upon them not to assemble in such conventions, calculated to endanger the peace and unity of the Church, in time to come.

Our Pastoral letter, therefore, naturally assumes the form of an admonition, first of all, to those who have been engaged in calling and gathering this irregular meeting. We solemnly warn them to beware of the danger of sinning against the unity of the Church, and in any way doing what may serve to introduce strife and division among our churches and people. Many of those, who signed the call for the Convention, and many who attended it, did these things, doubtless, without being conscious of the grievous wrong to which they were committing themselves, without intending to array themselves irregularly against the constituted authorities of the Church. Warning them of the danger to which they have exposed themselves, and affectionately admonishing them to abstain from all similar action in the time to come, this Synod nevertheless concedes to them the right at all times to present in an orderly and constitutional way, any grievances of which they may desire to complain.

In reference now to the use of the Order of Worship in our churches and families, this Synod must first of all remind all, to whom this letter may come, that it has no power or right to legislate on the subject, but yields all due reverence and obedience to that higher Judicatory of the Church, the General Synod, in the action it has already taken. The matter has been committed to the prudence and judgment of the ministers and charges within our bounds. They are to be the judges, in their several spheres, as to the manner in which they shall use the liberty granted to them by the General Synod, in reference to the use they may see proper to make of the Order of Worship. If there are any ministers and charges, who may decline, in the way in which they are accustomed to regulate their congregational affairs, to use the Order of Worship, in whole or in part, this Synod lays no burden upon them. If, on the other hand, they, in the same manner, desire and conclude to use the Order of Worship, this Synod not only recognizes their full right so to do, but rejoices that the book which it has prepared with so much labor and diligence, meets with such favorable acceptance at their hands. For, while we would not intervene to interfere with that full freedom, which has been allowed to all the churches, in reference to this matter, yet it ought not to be supposed that we are unconcerned or indifferent to the favor with which the Liturgy may be received by our pastors and people. The book is a product of this Synod, brought forth with long and patient labor, and baptized with our prayers, and we cannot but heartily rejoice in God, if it prove in the end, to be the blessed means of promoting the glory of God, in the advancement and prosperity of the Church.

At the same time, while we cannot legislate on this subject, we recommend to all pastors and charges, to endeavor, in the fear of God, to exercise all proper prudence and care in the manner in which they

use the liberty granted to them by the General Synod. We affectionately exhort them, in all their proceedings, to keep steadily before them the glory of God and the best interests of the Church of Jesus Christ. Knowing that the movement in reference to liturgical worship in our Church, is one in which there prevails, very naturally, diversity of sentiment and feeling, we earnestly enjoin upon all, "lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Especially do we commend to the several congregations and charges, each to mind their own affairs, not to intermeddle with matters which do not properly come under their jurisdiction, and thus seek to preserve and maintain unity and peace.

We deem it proper to state clearly, in this connection, that the present allowed use of the Liturgy is only preliminary to the action which the Church will be called upon in the end, to take with reference to the adoption of a Liturgy. Before such adoption can finally take place, such Liturgy will have to be passed upon by the General Synod and sent down to the different Classes for their action. Through these channels the people will have the liberty of expressing their wishes and feelings in the matter. In a question of so great importance, the Church has believed, that there should be no undue haste, but full time allowed, in order that the action, in the end, may be taken with full consultation with our people, and prove to be wise and prudent in reference to all the interests involved. Even though, for the present, we may be called to pass through some conflict, yet we deem that in the end the interest and welfare of the Church will best be promoted in this way.

We have great reason to thank God for the wonderful evidence of His care over us in the history of our Church in this New World, and for the great prosperity which He has graciously vouchsafed unto us, in all the trials and difficulties through which we have been safely guided and led. The solemn and important questions which have agitated us, and which now challenge our earnest and prayerful attention, are questions which concern the most vital interests of Christianity in our own Church and in the world. The liturgical movement in which we are called to act, is a movement which, in the providence of God, and the history of the Church, has come upon us in such a way as to merit our most earnest attention. It is of interest not only to ourselves as a Church, but to the Christian world around us. Although it has been made the occasion of some difference and strife, yet we have reason to believe, that God has made it to be a blessing already to our religious life. It is not unnatural, or unusual, that the onward progress of the Church should be attended with commotion. It has been so in all the ages past. Some of the very greatest productions of the Church, as, for instance, the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, were given to us in the midst of terrible convulsions, and baptized in the midst of the fiercest strife.

And now, in this modern age, and the new stadium of Christianity to which we have come in the Protestant Church, and especially in view of the serious evils of sect and schism, and alarming heresies that prevail, we should feel encouraged to go forward in the good work to which the Great Head of the Church has called us. Let us have faith to believe, that through present travail the excellency and glory of the Church will be made to appear, and the kingdom of God established through all the earth.

Finally, this Synod herewith sends to the churches, the pastors, elders, deacons, and people under its care, its Christian salutation and benediction.

"Peace to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."

T. G. APPLE,
J. W. NEVIN,
A. H. KREMER, } *Committee.*
G. C. WELKER,
JOS. LAUBACH,

Baltimore, Md , October 26th, 1867.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the presiding and recording officers of Synod be instructed to issue the Pastoral Letter to the churches, with their names officially attached, in the form of a circular, for general distribution among the people.

Resolved, That the several pastors, in connection with this Synod. be directed to read the letter to their people from the pulpit.

The following preamble and resolution were offered immediately after the foregoing action was taken:

WHEREAS, The General Synod, at its late sessions at Dayton, Ohio, ordained, that the "*Order of Worship for the Reformed Church* be, and hereby is allowed as an order of worship proper to be used in the congregations and families of the Church;" and, whereas, the same Synod conditioned the above action, by expressly declaring, "that this action is not designed to interfere in any way with that freedom which is now enjoyed in regard to the Liturgy by all such ministers and congregations as may not be prepared to introduce it in whole or in part." And, whereas, confusion and strife have been introduced into some of our congregations, because the conditions allowing its introduction by Synod, have not been uniformly observed by all ministers and congregations in its use. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod recommend to all ministers and congregations, before using this Order of Worship, in whole or in part, in congregational worship, first to obtain the sanction of a majority of

the Consistory of the congregation, into which it may be attempted to be introduced, at a regular meeting of the same, called for such purpose.

To the foregoing, the following was offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the General Synod, in allowing the "Order of Worship" as a book proper to be used by the congregations of the Reformed Church, did not contemplate, nor is it the wish of this Synod to force it upon the people.

To this also the following resolution was offered as a substitute.

Resolved, That the attention of the pastors and congregations be specially called to the conditions on which the General Synod submitted the Revised Liturgy to the people for optional use.

The preamble and the successive resolutions were all laid on the table, by the following vote of *Yeas* and *Nays:*

Yeas.—J. Beck, I. S. Weisz, I. K. Loos, J. Laubach, J. Knecht, J. Lerch, T. S. Johnston, J. P. Stein, D. B. Albright, H. Wagner, J. E. Hiester, D. Hoffman, J. O. Miller, W. K. Zieber, J. A. Hoffheins, S. Wetzel, W. A. Wilt, P. Stambaugh, D. Wolff, J. Ingold, D. G. Bragonier, H. Wissler, W. J. Hensell, W. E. Krebs, A. C. Whitmer, E. E. Higbee, S. N. Callender, T. G. Apple, A. B. Wingerd, D. B. Martin, J. H. Dubbs, G. W. Anghinbaugh, E. Hartranft, T. B. Hillegas, J. W. Nevin, A. H. Kremer, W. H. H. Snyder, D. W. Gross, W. M. Nevin, J. H. Apple, W. C. Houpt, C. Fullmer, G. B. Russell, C. R. Dieffenbacher, F. Pilgram, J. L. Leberman, L. C. Sheip, J. K. Millet, D. G. Klein, J. Zeller, S. Kryder, M. Brown, J. Steiner, N. E. Gilds, F. Achey, J. Shreiner, J. Dahlman, Sen., W. Sorber, C. Santee, H. Mosser, W. C. Cremer, S. S. Miller, D. Eschbach, and G. C. Welker. Total *Yeas*, 64.

Nays.—D. Dunn, F. A. Rupley, J. Wiest, J. Smith, A. W. Meyers, and L. Balliet. Total *Nays*, 6.

Non liquet.—N. Gehr, J. G. Wiehle. Total *Non liquet*, 2.

At the close of the action of Synod, adopting the report of the committee, to whom the documents from the Meyerstown Convention had been referred, Elder John Wiest asked and obtained permission to explain his relations to the said Meyerstown Convention. This called forth a series of counter explanations from congregations, to which Elder John Wiest had directly referred in his remarks.

Just before the close of the sessions of Synod, Elders Andrew W. Meyers and John Wiest gave notice to Synod, that they purposed carrying up the action of Synod on the papers from the Meyerstown Convention, to the General Synod, by way of complaint. The same committee was appointed to defend the position of this Synod before the General Synod, in the case of this complaint, which was appointed for a similar purpose in the case of the proposed appeal of the Classis of Philadelphia.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, a committee was appointed to bear the action of Synod to the family of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Helffenstein, deceased, in reference to his death, and to represent it at his funeral. It was reported that this duty had been attended to.

The Committee to prepare a Digest of the Proceedings of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to prepare a Digest of the Proceedings of Synod, respectfully report:

That some attention has been given to the subject entrusted to them, during the year, but no essential progress has been made. As the duty assigned to the committee will be attended with much labor, and require considerable time to perform it properly, the Chairman would respectfully remind the Synod of the condition on which he agreed, a few years ago, to continue to occupy his position, and that is, that the committee be not formally called upon from year to year for a report, but that they be allowed to report whenever they are prepared to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year to devise some definite plan of action for this Synod, in regard to a Female Seminary, on the principle of individual enterprise, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by Synod, at its last annual sessions, "to devise some definite plan of action for Synod, in regard to a Female College, on the principle of individual enterprise, and to make efforts to select a suitable place, and secure a proper person for the establishment of such Seminary," respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee has not been unmindful of the duty assigned it. In April last, we met in the city of Philadelphia, to devise the necessary ways and means of carrying out the instructions of Synod. After an earnest consideration of the entire interest committed to our charge, in view especially of the difficulties that must environ any plan, based on the principle of individual enterprise, in which only one of the parties to the contract is represented, your committee thought it best to instruct their chairman to invite, through the columns of the "Reformed Church Messenger," proposals for the location and establishment of the contemplated Female College. Your committee flattered themselves, that the difficulties alluded to above, might, in this way, be obviated, and the enterprise be successfully inaugurated at an

early day. Besides, by thus appealing to the Church at large, and laying the responsibility of the success or failure of this whole movement at her door, Synod could not be justly charged with any dereliction of duty in the matter.

Your committee regret to report, that no definite response to the appeal of our chairman has been received. Several persons, deeply interested in the cause of Female education, held the subject under advisement for some time, but failed in the end, to see their way clear to assume the responsibility of the enterprise.

Your committee, however, take pleasure in reporting, that there are now two Female Seminaries in successful operation within the limits of our Church, inviting her patronage. One of these, located in Allentown, Pa., is under the supervision of the venerable East Pennsylvania Classis; the other, an individual enterprise, located in Frederick county, Md., is owned and conducted by the Rev. Geo. Lewis Staley, the well-known former principal of Mt. Washington Female College. Both of these Seminaries, in the judgment of your committee, might receive Synodical sanction, and thus be recommended to the patronage of the Church. The committee, therefore, respectfully suggest the following action:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to consist of two ministers and one elder, whose duty it shall be to visit the above-named Female Seminaries, during the current Synodical year, for the purpose of ascertaining their condition, and the terms on which they are willing to place themselves under the care of Synod, said committee to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. AUGHINBAUGH, *Chairman.*

Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, and Elder Charles Santee, were appointed the committee called for in the above report.

The committee appointed by the last annual Synod to report to this Synod on the propriety of organizing a Business Convention of Laymen, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed at the Synod of York, on the subject of providing for the organization of a Business Convention of Laymen, or a Board of Finance, to manage the financial affairs of the Synod, respectfully report:

That they have given the subject considerable attention during the past year, but do not see their way clear to propose any definite plan for the adoption of this body. The practical difficulties in the way of the proposed organization, are very great, and the adoption of such a scheme would seriously conflict with existing arrangements of Synod.

Your committee is of the opinion, that the desirable end in view, of securing ample means for prosecuting the benevolent enterprises of

the Church, can be better promoted by the general introduction of the Apostolic custom of alms-giving at every regular Lord's day service, the proceeds to be devoted to strictly benevolent purposes. All that remains to be done, in view of the case, is for this Synod to provide for the efficient operation of the general scheme of alms-giving recommended by the General Synod, and already adopted by this body.

Having done all that we were able to do in the premises, we respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WIEST, *Chairman.*

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take into consideration the propriety of restoring the Apostolic office of Deaconesses. It was

Resolved :—That the subject be reserred to a committee of seven, with instructions to report at the next annual sessions of Synod. This committee consists of the Rev Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. John H. A Bomberger, Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Frederick A. Rupley, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and John Wiest.

As reported by the Committee on Overtures, a statement was received from the President of the Orphans' Home, formerly located at Bridesburg, Pa. The statement was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. George B Russell, Isaac K. Loos, and Elder John Wiest.

The interests of the Orphans' Home, about being established near Butler, Pa , were referred to the same committee.

This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Special Committee to whom were referred the several items in regard to the Orphan Homes of our Church, would respectfully report :

That, inasmuch as the whole subject has been already brought before the Church by this Synod and the General Synod, it is not necessary to enter into an extended report on the subject.

They beg leave, however, to incorporate the Letter of the President of the Board of "The Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs." in order to bring that interest in its present aspect before the Church.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church convened in Baltimore, Md. FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—

The Board of Managers of "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs" deem it due to you, and to the congregations which you represent, to submit a statement of the institution under their care. It has been felt for some time past, that the Home ought

to be removed to a more suitable place. Bridesburg is not sufficiently easy of access. It is not in the heart of the Church. Besides, the buildings are not adapted for the wants of an Orphans' Home. After endeavoring, for more than a year past, to secure a more suitable property, the Board at length purchased the "South Mountain Spring" property near Womelsdorf, Pa., for the sum of $33,000. It is located at the foot of the South Mountain, within a short distance of the Lebanon Valley Railroad. Its health-giving water and mountain air have acquired a national reputation. The buildings are large, containing some fifty rooms. The property is located in one of the most populous Reformed districts in Pennsylvania—among a people who have already shown the liveliest sympathy for this Home and its inmates.

About $10,000 has been secured since the purchase of the New Home, with which the first payment has been liquidated. If we can succeed in disposing of our property at Bridesburg to advantage, we will be able to reduce our liabilities to about $15,000. We now have one hundred orphans in the Home, and ten persons to attend to them. In a few months the number of orphans will be increased to one hundred and twenty-one. With heavy current expenses, and a large debt, the liabilities of the Home may seem threatening. Yet, we take pleasure in stating, that the Board breathes easily under its burden. Whilst none of its members have any taste for debts, *per se*, they derive unmingled pleasure from the willing hearts and liberal hands which so cheerfully help to bear and pay theirs. We have bought this property, not for ourselves, but for the Church. It is to furnish a Home for the fatherless. Our Saviour is their Father. In his name we "take them in." In his name we appeal to all Christian people for help. The Church is the mother of us all—the mother of these orphans. Her heart is moved with tender pity for them. Here, in this beautiful mountain Home, she affords them her nursing ministrations, presses their parentless hearts to her warm bosom, and rocks them to their nightly rest by chanting the lullabies of a blessed immortality. "Can a woman forget her sucking child?" Can the Church forget her orphans? Can Christ's people turn *Him* away empty from their doors, in the persons of these "little ones?"

We commend our Home —— *your* Home to your charitable sympathy and prayers. Come and taste the sweetness of loving and living for those, who are, in a preëminent sense, children in Christ's stead. Their presence is redolent with the fragrance of Eden. "I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Their prayers are a perpetual benediction upon those who love them.

Yours respectfully,

B. BAUSMAN, *President of the Board of Managers.*

The item in regard to the St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., recently established by the brethren of Western Pennsylvania, calls

for no direct or special action at this time, except to endorse that institution with the approbation of the Synod.

We append the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*:—That the evidence of the working power of our holy religion in the establishment of the several Orphan Homes, in different parts of the Church, is a healthful sign of practical piety among our people, to the cultivation of which they are brought by our excellent system of faith.

2. *Resolved*:—That with devout thankfulness to the Father of the fatherless, this Synod rejoices in the degree of success hitherto crowning the efforts of faithful brethren in behalf of this blessed work; and that the sacred cause of the orphan be again most heartily commended to the favorable attention and fostering care of the Church in general.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

The following statement was received from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and referred to the Committee on Nominations:

To the President and Members of the Synod in session at Baltimore.

The undersigned begs leave to report to Synod, that the term of offices of the following named members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College: Messrs. Henry Wirt, W. H. Lawall, and Thomas E. Franklin, will expire in the course of the current ecclesiastical year, and that it is necessary for the Synod to take action in reference to it. The undersigned would respectfully suggest, that the interests of the Institution require, in the judgment of many members of the Board, that these gentlemen be re elected.

BERNARD C. WOLFF,
Secretary of the Board.

In connection with the election for delegates to Corresponding Bodies and members of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the following persons were elected Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for a term of ten years, to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board: Thomas E. Franklin, Esq., of Lancaster, Pa, William H. Lawall, Esq., of Easton, Pa., and Henry Wirt, Esq., of Hanover, Pa.

The following statement was received from the Society of Guardians for the relief of Ministers and their widows, read and ordered to be incorporated in the minutes:

RELIEF FUND.

The Society of Guardians for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, begs leave respectfully to submit the following statement of its financial condition to the Synod:

The funds invested amount to $6,200.00; balance in the hands of the Treasurer, $325.92; total, $6,525.92.

The Society consists of *sixteen* members, who contribute annually the sum of *Three* dollars; and of *fifteen* life-members, who have become such by the payment at one time of *sixty-five* dollars.

Annual appropriations are made to the relief of three widows.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *President.*

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report on the fourth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, at the opening of the session. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. The election was held at the time appointed. Rev. William F. Colliflower and Elder Darius S. Dieffenbacher were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result.

The Historical Society held its anniversary on Friday evening of the sessions. The annual address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, detailing a history of the Publication efforts of the German Reformed Church.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, A communication was published in the "American Church Missionary Register," for February, 1867, which the Editors state was furnished by "an eminent clergyman of the German Reformed Church," in which the following language occurs:

"To characterize this school [the Mercersburg school of Theology] in its latest developments by one phrase, it is ultra high church. Its most distinctive tenets are: a vicarious churchism; the ministry a vicarious priesthood; the Lord's Supper a sort of spiritus-mystical consubstantiation; baptism the supernatural agency of the Holy Spirit for effecting full regeneration, and corresponding tenets. As the result of the Liturgical movement, carried forward under the plastic power of such influences, an Order of Worship was submitted to the General Synod of the Church, held a few weeks ago in Dayton, Ohio, which is the natural outgrowth of these fundamental principles." And,

WHEREAS, The allegations here made, as well as some others contained in the same article, greatly misrepresent the position of a portion of the ministry of the German Reformed Church, and also of the Synod and Church itself, under whose special supervision and direction the Order of Worship here denounced, was prepared, and by which also its optional use has been allowed; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, who shall take measures to ascertain the author of the communication from which the above quotation is made.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the Editors of the "American Church Missionary Register," in so willingly lending their columns, as their own statement implies, for the publication of an article, which, to say the least, reflects so seriously upon a sister denomination, have been guilty of a breach of Christian courtesy highly censurable in the judgment of all honorable and right-thinking men.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Samuel H. Giesy, and Elder Charles Santee, were appointed the committee called for in the first of the foregoing resolutions.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastors and members of the Third Reformed Church, and all the other Reformed congregations and citizens of the city of Baltimore, for the kind and hospitable entertainment given to its delegates during its annual sessions among them, and that we invoke the continued blessings of Heaven upon them.

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to read the above resolution to the people, and also to have it inserted in the papers of the city.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be requested to tender the thanks of this Synod to the Superintendents of the different railroads, who have permitted its delegates to pass over their several roads at reduced fare.

The Roll was called, and the following persons were found absent without permission: Rev. Samuel Philips, John F. Busche, N. S. Aller, and Elders Daniel Small, Joseph Coover, Frederick Hyle, David Aursandt, David R. Martin, Daniel Heitshu, Darius S. Dieffenbacher, George C. Welker and Michael Brown.

The Minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet again in the German Reformed Church at Hagerstown, Washington county, Md., on Wednesday, October 21st, A. D., 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph S. Dubbs, D D.,	1	Egypt,	450	380	157	86		340		6	44	3		$421 03	Ironton, Lehigh County, Penna.
John Zulich,	6	Jacob's, &c.,	1215	918				878				10			Steinsville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	4	Zeigel, &c.,	900	850	178	96		1100	1	100	68	7	400	509 60	Fogelsville, do do
J. Sassman Herman,	8	Kutztown,	1590	1270	120	49	10	1210		15	40	11		304 00	Kutztown, Berks County, do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill,	700		70	40		450			25	6			Brodheadsville, Monroe Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua,	460	325	75	40		320			27	5		430 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do do
Andrew J. G. Herman,	7	Zion,	1160	1000	90	52		970			20	11		236 25	Maxatawny, Berks do do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	535	380	77	28		450		6	25	6		320 25	Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa.
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	250	210	18	10	12	213		2	10	3	150	381 60	do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	600	460	42	19	11	470		2	23	2	440	3,750 00	Easton, do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,		Without charge,													Womelsdorf, Berks do
Earnest W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	800	600	100	31		650		1	28	2		513 43	Nazareth, Northampton do
William R. Hofford,	4	Lower Saucon,	580	500	70	10		460		4	29	7		323 50	Allentown, Lehigh do
George B. Dechant,	4	Hamilton,	365	300	37	23		252			16	5		174 21	Fennersville, Monroe do
Abr. Bartholomew,	4	Weissport,	530	540	140	32		405			50	7		81 89	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	First Ch., Allentown,	620	450	46	23	15	356		91	26	1	303	220 34	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robert Lisberger,	5	Kreidersville,	860	900	90	98		684			45	5	450	138 00	Kreidersville, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	830	730				575				7			Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Samuel Philips,	1	Second Ch., Allentown,	234	247	21	64	161	203		2	4	1	209	106 36	Baltimore, Md.
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	750	550	18		8	400		3	11		250	38 50	Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa.
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Mt. Bethel,	630	520	58	36	6	525		8	29	8		345 44	Stone Church Northampton do
J. C. J. Kurtz,	3	Tamaqua,	500	200	72	50		300		6	24	3		157 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Amandus F. Zeigler.		Licentiate.													Mertztown, Berks do

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Benev. Contribn's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg,	340		44	9		266			21	3		$ 11 89	Fredericksburg, Lebanon do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1400		209	120		1318			51	12	1000	100 00	Reading, Berks do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	5	Schwartzwald, &c.,	850		175			800			52	6	400	207 25	do do do
Franklin W. Kremer,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	850	725	66	54	17	550		14	27	1	333	501 33	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Kline,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	700	350	104	47		599			34	6	300	100 00	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
William A. Good,		Without charge,			2										Reading, Berks do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	405	250	28	45		320			18	4	150	267 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Henry Wagner,		Without charge,													Lebanon, do do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	250		22	25	19	225		2	10	1	225	268 00	Reading, Berks do
Samuel Miller,	1	St. Clair,*	50	40	6	12		40				1	75	15 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Thomas Calvin Leinbach,	7	Bernville,	1500	700	127	132		1000		6	62	10	850	150 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	1	Myerstown,	450	325	70	48	12	377		1	12	1	225	3378 79	Myerstown, Lebanon do
U. Henry Heilman,	2	Jonestown,	285	230	23	9	4	200	1		7	2	125	52 00	Jonestown, do do
Herman Bokum,		Without charge,													Knoxville, Tenn.,
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1250		86	126	60	1000			43	3	650	1857 13	Reading, Berks do
Thomas S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	110	90	7	8	4	90			3	1	120	320 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	1075	700	101	34	10	940		12	32	4	325	200 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John Philip Stein,	2	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	245	155	33	42	2	185		1	12	2	200	272 44	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
J. Casper Bucher,	1	Pottsville,	141	85			14	127	3		3	1	170	119 34	Pottsville, do do
Eli E. Hiester,	2	Hanover,	140	110	20	8		90		3	3	2	75	15 00	Grantville, Dauphin do
John B. Poerner,	4	Minersville,	277	345	39	8		136			11	4	265		Minersville, Schuylkill do
Levi K. Derr,	1	Mahanoy City,	175	200	85	50	20	175			9	1	135	161 75	Mahanoy City, do do
Daniel B. Albright,	2	Orwigsburg,	300		20	16		120		5	4	2	105		Orwigsburg, do do
Samuel A. Leinbach.		Ass. of T. C. Leinbach,													Womelsdorf, Berks do
A. S. Vaughan,	1	Hamburg, Eman'l Ch.,†	50		1	10		40			1	1	100		York, Pa.
	2	**Womelsdorf, Mt. Ætna.‡**	**370**	**310**	**310**		**10**	**310**		**4**	**12**	**2**	**130**	**58 31**	

*** Supplied by Rev. S. Miller. † Supplied by Rev. D. B. Albright. ‡ Supplied by Rev. G. Wolff.**

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German),	440	204	67	29	12	350			17	3		$ 50 00	York, York county, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Manheim,	365	300	15			270			11	5			Hanover, do do
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	300	250				260				4			York, do do
Daniel Riegel,	3	Dillsburg,	300	175	29	11		226			7	3			Dillsburg, do do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Paradise,	600	550	39	48		535			31	4			York, do do
William C. Bennet,		Without charge,													Boiling Springs, Cumb. do
David Bossler,		do													York, York do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	Trinity Church,	310	325	42	33	7	220			4	3	425	364 00	do do do
Daniel Gring,	4	Shrewsbury,	460	300	53	26	3	385			16	6			Shrewsbury, do do
William K. Zieber,	1	Hanover,	325	250	50	10	14	250		10	10	1	175	637 88	Hanover, do do
John Ault,	2	Mechanicsburg,	235	200	32	26	24	220		5	5	2		163 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. do
William F. P. Davis,	5	Abbottstown,	500	300	70	50	10	400		12	30	5		250 00	New Oxford, Adams do
William R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	412	230	34	22	19	397		5	17	2	167	61 00	Gettysburg, do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emmanuel's,	605	375	62	58		538		4	19	6		65 00	Codorus, York do
William D. C. Rodrock,	2	Zion,	280	324	48	29	7	260		7	7	4		160 00	Blain, Perry do
Ephraim Kieffer,	2	Sulphur Springs,	150	100	10			125			1	2		15 00	Carlisle, Cumb. do
David W. Wolff,	3	Conowago,	450	250	24	60	15	433		16	9	3		37 89	Arendtsville, Adams do
John A. Hoffheins,	1	Carlisle,	268	205	5			140		8	7	1	210	71 50	Carlisle, Cumb. do
Reinhard R. Smith,	5	Dallastown,	275	335	23	13		134			5	4			York, York do
John M. Clemens,	4	Littlestown,	530	300	39	39		470			24	4		192 59	Littlestown, Adams do
James A. Shultz,		Without charge,													Harrisburg, Pa.
Vacant,	4	Bloomfield,	342	140		13	3	280		1	14	4	210	210 56	
do	4	Landisburg,	342	300	36	19	11	292			3	3		200 00	
Suppl'd by D. W. Wolf and W. F. P. Davis,	3	York Spring,	170					170							
do F. W. Vandersloot, D. Gring,	4	Trinity charge,													
do John Ault,	1	Filey's Cong.,	48	50	3			46			1	1			
do Jacob Hassler.	1	Miller's Cong.,	75		4			73							

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Frederick Charge,	487	452	43	4	11	431		3	35	1	425	$ 850 00	Frederick City, Md.
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson do	303	369	17	5		280		1	11	3	150	132 55	Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do	390	200	29	5	2	380		10	4	4	180	225 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
Mortimer L. Shuford,	2	Boonsboro do	126	83	11			100			2	2	120	75 00	Winchester, Va.
George L. Staley,		Without charge,													Petersville, Frederick Co., Md.
John S. Foulk,	1	3d Church, Baltimore,	255	205	27	15	10	220		5	15	1	327	387 30	Baltimore City, Md.
Jesse Steiner,	5	Glade Church,	416	320	22	13		380			1	4	360	150 00	Walkersville, Frederick Co., do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	370	340	27	7	2	350		13	16	4	250	320 00	Middletown, do " do
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st G. R. C., Baltimore,	120	101	25	9	6	103		57	27	1	186	877 76	Baltimore City, Md.
John W. Hoffmeier,	3	Manchester Church,	380	100	30	25		350		1	35	3	150	75 00	Manchester, Carrol Co., do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg,	328	240	19	10	5	283		10	3	2	40	62 00	Emmittsburg, Frederick Co., do
Joseph S. Loos,		Without charge,													Greencastle, Pa.,
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Church, Baltimore,	340	227	76		26	271		27	18	1	171	75 25	Baltimore City, Md.
Nathaniel E. Gilds,	5	Taneytown Church,	456	306	33	22	6	353		10	12	3	125	45 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do
George W. Glessner,	1	St. John's Ch., Fred'k,	110	112	18		8	99		5	1	1	70	12 00	Frederick City do
Caspar Scheel,	1	2d Ch., Hagerstown,	152	75	19			75			6	1	50	22 00	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	130	90	20	16	6	130		1	2	2	175	100 00	Clearspring, do do
C. Beecher Wolff,		Licentiate,													Chestertown, Md.
Jacob Pister,	1	4th Ch., Baltimore,	567	320	84	31	31	557		40	21	1	170		Baltimore City, Md.
John Voegelin,	1	Eman'l Ch., do	104	70	18			80		2	4	1	30		do do
Robert Douglas,	3	Mt. Moriah,	244	200	10	2	1	202			5	3	300		Shepherdstown, W. Va.,
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,													Frederick City, do
Benjamin Schneider, D.D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria,
Vacant,	2	Hagerstown,	250	190	7	3		180		1	5	1	160	100 00	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., Md.
do	2	Burkittsville,	80	45				80				1	62		Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do
do	3	Westminster,	440	200				340				2			Westminster, Carroll Co., do
do	3	Mechanicstown,	259	202				231				2	117		Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., do
do	1	1st Eng. Ref. Church,	57												Baltimore City, Md.
William Ida,		Suspended,													

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Henry Getzendanner,	2	Middlebrook,	140		13	23	1	125		5	6	2			Middlebrook, Va.
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	279		18	38	1	242			4	5		$20	Mt. Crawford, do
Henry St. J. Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	336		15	44		310			4				Edenburg, do
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Edenburg,	40		10	3	2	40			2	1			do do
George H. Martin,	3	Woodstock,	220		10	58		220			2	1			Woodstock, do
Hiram Shaull, supply,	1	Winchester,	39		2	4	1	39				1			Middleway, do
Henry Wissler,	1	Shepherdstown,	121		6	6	2	121		1	4	1			Shepherdstown, do
William D. Lefevre,	1	Martinsburg,	124		20	23	14	114			7	1	75	27	Martinsburg, do
Supplied by H. Wissler,	1	Loudon, or Lovettsville,	114		2	6	2	114			4	2	40		
Vacant,	2	Central charge,													
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,													

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Lantz,	4	Newton,	209		12	19		209			3			Newton, N. C.
George William Welker,	3	Guilford,	287	204	9	7		287		1	2	3		Shaw's Mills, Guilford Co., do
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Grace,	153	140	2	23		153			3	2		Lincolnton, do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	324					324				2		Salisbury, do
Philip A. Long,	4	L. Davidson,	210		25	65		210	8			2		Lexington, do
Thomas Long,	4	Up. do	164		24	54		164				3		Salem, do
J. W. Cecil,		without charge,												Thomasville, do
John Ingle.	2	West Rowan,	235		24	31		235		3	3	2		China Grove, do
J C. Denny,	1	Haw River,												Monticello, Guilford Co., do
M. L. Hedrick,		Licentiate,												Lexington, do
J. C. Clapp,		do												Newton, do
Vacant,	3	Catawba,												

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J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	Race Street,	310	180	10	7	21	225		24	5	2	400	$3588 26	No. 493 N. 4th St., Phila., Pa.,
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	695	500	169	49	37	690		12	80	2	400	283 00	No. 1230 N. 6th St., do do
John G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's	1059		476	108	96	1373		9	199	3	685	457 72	No. 530 St. John St., do do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	Boehm's	236	120	10	6	6	202		4	4	1	110	259 32	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., do
do supply,	1	White Marsh,	121	58	3	5		108			3	1		48 00	
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	150	90	21	16	5	275		1	5	4	200	431 65	Chester Springs, Chester do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	140												
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	532	100	13	7	3	332	1	1	8	3	225	110 00	Trappe, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	Phœnixville,	50					25				1	40		
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	350	76	30	21	8	270		6	8	3	200	308 41	Vincent, Chester do
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,	148		15		2	148			3	1	70	14 00	Prospectville, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	North Wales,	61		17	14	10	61			1	1	90		
Samuel H. Giesy,	1	Christ Church,	183	85	13	12	38	167		9	2	2	237	5055 12	No. 2043 Wallace St., Phila., Pa.
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem,	545	377	164	32	40	532	2	13	45	2	440	1547 25	No. 1304 Howard St., do
Jacob Dahlman, jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	140	145	24	5	20	105		12	4	1	125	1765 63	No. 413 N. 38th St., do
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	198	200	55	9	31	169		21	7	1	220	18 75	No. 2023 Girard Avenue, do
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Bethlehem,	63	42	8		9	63		13		1	36	22 58	Glassboro, New Jersey.
*A. von Püchelstein, D.D.,	1	Egg Harbor,	119	85				80				1	120		Egg Harbor city, N. J.
Daniel Gans, D.D.,	1	Ascension,	125	47	8	9	2	100		2	3	1	80	110 00	Norristown, Pa.
J. Casper Hauser,	1	St. Paul's,	110	115	26		10	57			13	1	90	37 00	No. 1822 Fitzwater St., Phila., Pa.
Albert G. Dole,	1	St. John's,	37	11	8	7	10	37		9	1	1	100		No. 408 N. 35th St., do
D. Earnest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	25					25				1	200		No. 1433 N. 5th St., do
	1	Wentz's,§	228			12		185			4	1	80	46 50	Kulpsville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John Gantenbein,	1	Resur'n Nicetown,	54	39								1	30		No. 992 N. 7th St., Phila., Pa.
J. C. Beinhauer, supply,	1	Emanuel's,	90		14	9		122			4	1	115		Bridesburg, do
S. R. Fisher, D.D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'r,													No. 54 N. 6th St., do

Without charge, { S. Helffenstein, North Wales, Montg'y Co., Pa.
J. S. Ermentrout, Kutztown, Berks do
Charles Lukens, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.
F. W. Dechant, No. 1444 Camac St., Phila., Pa.
D. Feete, Philadelphia, Pa.
G. D. Wolff, Norristown, Pa. }

Without charge, { A. Helffenstein, Jr., North Wales, Mont'y Co., Pa.
Chas. W. Schultz, Camden, New Jersey.
Henry Miller, Schuylkill, Chester Co., Pa.
George Leidy, Norristown, Pa,
J. P. Pfister, No. 2124 Fulton Av., Brookl'n, N. Y. }

Licentiates, { J. E. Lang, Archibald, Luzerne Co., Pa.
J. J. Pennepacker, Rural Village, Armstrong Co., Pa. }

* Report of last year.
§ S. M. K. Huber, of the Classis of Goshenhoppen.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
B. S. Schneck, D.D.,	1	2d ch., Chambersburg,	52	76	7			44		2	2	1	25	$28 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	7	Woodcock Valley,	550	600	41	24	2	525		1	8	4	200	460 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	4	Bedford,	310	198	14	27	4	305		2	10	3	220	239 00	Bedford, Bedford do
Jacob Hassler,	1	Shippensburg,	196	140	13	10	4	192		5	3	1	60	256 00	Shippensburg, Cumberl'd do
William M. Deatrich,	4	Friend's Cove,	340	325	28	12	8	325		7	8	4	160	314 66	Charlesville, Bedford do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	233	243	10	12	8	218		5	2	1	75	174 00	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Walter E. Krebs,	3	Waynesboro,	315	189	17	11	10	259		2	3	1	120	280 00	Waynesboro, do do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet,	315	290	35	21	10	295		2	4	3	150	576 76	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Abner R. Kremer,	3	Yellow Creek,	205	235	10	9		195		5	3	1	100	133 00	Pattonsville, Bedford do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	3	Schellsburg,	385	290	32	20	6	365		2	7	3	150	40 00	Schellsburg, do do
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	Martinsburg,	212	165	25	12	4	195		9	6	1	40	300 00	Martinsburg, Blair do
Cyrus Cort,	2	Mont Alto,	81	104			3	65			4	2	150		Fayetteville, Franklin do
Peter S. Davis,	1	1st ch., Chambersburg,	336	200	15	15	13	275		11	7	1	224	256 08	Chambersburg do do
Calvin U. Heilman,	5	St. Clairsville,	811	730	100	75	12	726		15	12	9	410	815 14	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
Frederick A. Gast,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	210	150	22	9	3	170		6	13	2	90	65 00	St. Thomas, Franklin do
Samuel N. Callender,	3	Greencastle,	425	350	64	32	12	355		3	16	3	150	518 00	Greencastle, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	3	Huntingdon,	232	270	11	5	10	210			2	2	170	174 14	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Charles G. Fisher,	2	Grindstonehill,	150	170	3		1	90			4	2	160	74 09	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Vacant,	3	McConnelsburg,	167	185	31	17	4	152		5	10	3	165	63 00	
do	4	Strasburg,	135	218	11	16	3	118		1	1	1	25	21 15	
do	2	Altoona,	94	94	8	1	4	75			3	1			
T. G. Apple, D.Ph.,*		Pres., Mercersb'g Coll.,													Mercersburg, Franklin do
E. E. Higbee, D.D.,*	1	Prof., Theolog'l Sem.,	48		1	11		48						4 50	do do do
Henry Harbaugh, D.D.,*		do													do do do
John Rebaugh,		Superannuated,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
George R. Zacharias,		Without charge,													Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
Dewalt S. Fouse,		Missionary in Iowa,													Central City, Linn Co., Iowa.
Tilghman O. Stem,		"													Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner,		Tutor, Theolog'l Sem.,													Mercersburg, Franklin do
Lewis D. Steckel,		Licentiate,													Millersville, Lancaster do

* Pastors also of Seminary, Chapel congregation.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,													Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Daniel Weiser,		Without charge,													Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Tohickon,	1230		77	103	5	1043			43	15		$417 00	Sellersville, Bucks do
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	920	600	61	50	6	700		3	24	2	450	650 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's,	900	560		36		818		4	28	6		356 00	Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without charge,													Gilbertstown, Montgom'y do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	280	118	28	13	15	275		11	8	2	103	98 75	Hilltown, Bucks do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	3	Pottstown,	1053	790	123	65	5	943		3	64	3	450	272 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	800	610	67	61	5	650		5	20	7	280	325 53	Bucksville, Bucks do
P. P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg	500	200	96	62		390		8	41	9		113 00	Oley, Berks do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	560	340	42	29		493		1	39	6		165 30	Frederick, Montgomery do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	5	Saucon,	1060	600	130	45		780			48	11		172 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Lucian Cort,		No charge,													do do do
Simon M. K. Huber,	3	Towamencin,	459	163	26	24		327			17	3	288	118 59	Kulpsville, Montgomery do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Upper Milford,	460	360	32		5	420		2	13	6		30 00	Shimersville, Lehigh do
George W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	154	98	6	18	3	136			4	2		38 00	Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	600	350	34	22		527			22			44 00	New Hanover, Montg'ry do
D. F. Brendle, supply	1	Williams Township,	108	80	11	7	3	76			7	2		30 00	Bethlehem, Northampt'n do
N. S. Aller, do	1	New Hilltown,	77					77							Prospectville, Montg'ry do

Henry Hess.
A. F. Ziegler,
Simon Gross.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	315		200	49	37	315		16	5	1	225	$360 00	New York City, N. Y.
Lewis B. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	130	200	7	9	5	150		15	4	1	220		Boston, Mass.
	1	Rahway,	123		29	13	4	96			2	1	75	22 21	Rahway, N. J.
Oscar Lohr,	1	New Brunswick,	149	200	44	6	16	185		2	3	1	80	25 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Maximilian Frankel,	2	Holyoke, South Hadley Falls,	195		15			100		2	2	1	40		Holyoke, Conn.
George Seibert, Ph. D.,		Newark,													Newark, N. J.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,															No. 5 Bible House, N. Y. City.
Philip A. Schwartz,	1	Greenfield,													Greenfield, Mass.

CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Diedrich Willers,	3	Fayette,	88	20	44	2	1	70		1	3	1	50	$17 61	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
John B. Kniest,	1	Buffalo,	739	412	44	30		383			18	1	175	150 00	Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.
T. Grosshusch,	1	Ebenezer,	90		7	4		81			2	1	60		Ebenezer, Erie Co., N. Y.
H. Bentz,	1	Clarence,	50					50				1			Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y.
Edmund Erb,	2	Dansville,	127	40	8	11	1	56			9	1	20		Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y.
Theodore Cludius,	1	Rochester,	46	21	14	4		90			2	1	30	11 54	Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		Without charge,													Lancaster, Penna.
Daniel Hertz,	5	Ephratah,	325	160	45	20		295		9	17	5		$5 65	Ephratah, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Wm. T. Gerhard,	6	Bethany,	390	242	15	6		275		6	11	5		42 17	Lancaster, do do
John Naille,	3	Elizabethtown,			10			84			9				Elizabethtown, do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Coll.,													Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey,		Supply of N. Provi'ce,			9	7	2	48			2	1		26 50	Lancaster, do do
John G. Wolff,	1	Columbia,	75	130	2			65			5	1	65		Lancaster, do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	490	385	39	35	11	385		10	26	1	374	304 25	Lancaster, do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,	1	College church,	30	14	1	1	2	30			2				Lancaster, do do
Prof. Theo. Apple,		Prof. in F. & M. Coll.,													Lancaster, do do
Prof. Thos. C. Porter, D. D.,		Prof. in Lafayette do													Easton, Northampton do
Isaac E. Graeff,	3	Millersville,	208	215	17	13		161			5	3		38 50	Lancaster, Lancaster do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	305	280	13	10		210		2		4			Hummelstown, Dauphin do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	158		7	4		90		4	4	2		25 00	Quarryville, Lancaster do
Vacant,	1	2d church, Lancaster,	205		18	10	4	181			3	1		353 47	Lancaster, do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	1st church, Harrisb'g,	275	180	21	19	21	230		7	14	1	268	797 98	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
W. Aug. Gring,	1	2d do do	80	47	5	14	17	64		1	2	1	150	43 75	do do do
Vacant,*	1	New Holland,	100		9	9		60				1		12 00	
Vacant,*	1	Maytown,	33		12	10		30							
Vacant,	1	Middletown,	61					61							
Vacant,†	2	Reamstown & Swamp,	335	250	36	34		200		4	12	2	200		
Frederick Fox,		Without charge,													Stockton, California.
Daniel W. Gerhard,		Lately taken charge of New Holland,													New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa.

* Supplied by Rev. John G. Fritchey. † Supplied by Rev. Samuel Aug. Leinbach.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicante.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Shellhammer,	6	Union,	280		74	14		148			15	4		$128 21	Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	290					240				1			Ashland, Schuylkill do
Nathan E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	307		49	13		288			20	4			Fishersville, Dauphin do
J. Fritzinger,	8	Mahanoy,	475	400	70	45		375			18	8	300	75 00	Greenbrier, Northumb'd do
Henry Hoffman,	7	Conyngham,	555	348	38	21	1	330			18	4		141 29	Conyngham, Luzerne do
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	210	185	24	11	13	204		10	2	3	240	280 00	Danville, Montour do
George E. Addams,	2	Mount Zion,	375	325	24	24	4	233		11	5	2	90	152 72	Turbotville, Northumb'd do
Isaac Steely,	8	Mahontongo,	450	500	129			279			31	4		24 50	Rough & Ready, Sch'y'l do
Wm. C. Cremer,	1	Sunbury,	150	130	14	21	16	120			7	1	130	83 40	Sunbury, Northumb'd do
H. H. W. Hibschman,	3	Shamokin,	207	200	30	10	4	200			12	3	225		Shamokin, do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	4	Berrysburg,	283	300	30	26	8	274		18	14	4	200	33 57	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Jacob Kehm,	6	Uniontown,	550	450	84	24		500		4	40	6		174 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Samuel H. Reid,	1	Milton,	155		13	12	12	145			2	1			Milton, do
Lewis C. Sheip,	2	Bloomsburg,	200	120	14	30	4	160		2	6	2	150	25 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Elijah B. Wilson,	4	Orangeville,	313	141	16	13	1	172		8	4	3		33 03	Forks, do do
Albert Krahn,	4	Hazleton,	630		102	14		410			21	2	150		Hazleton, do
A. R. Hottenstein,	5	North Susquehanna,	175		30	22		160			20	5		87 20	Berwick, do
Henry Mosser,	2	Paradise,	300		4		2	230			2	3			McEwensville, do
Wm. A. Haas,	4	Augusta,	425	250	6	18		218				3			Sunbury, do
Vacant,	3	Cherry,	235	160	5			160							
do	8	Catawissa,			4	12									
Simon S. Miller,		Sunb. Class. Inst.													Jefferson, Md.
D. P. Diehl,		Licentiate,													Danville, Montour do
S. Transue,		do													Kutztown, do

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Jacob Mayer,		do													do do do
Adolph B. Caspar,		do													New Berlin, Union do
David G. Klein,		do													Walker, Centre do
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Adamsburg,	375	310	66	22		375			19			$49 31	Beaver Springe, Adams do
Wm. H. Groh,	4	Boalsburg,	401	430	24	4	8	325		1	7	6		395 52	Boalsburg, Centre do
Wm. M. Reily,	2	Lewisburg,	350	200		18	3	275		10	10	2	150	250 00	Lewisburg, Union do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany,	231	178	23		6	221		4	1	3	135	168 21	Walker, Centre do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	5	Rebersburg,	261		21	9		186			6	1		40 67	Rebersburg, Centre do
John W. Lescher,	5	Selinsgrove,	350		56	100	6	350		5	22	3	200	45 84	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,		Without charge,													Mifflinburg, Union do
David W. Kelly,	4	Bellefonte,	150					134				4			Bellefonte, Centre do
Jos. H. Schlappig,	7	Liverpool,	225		13			61			9	6		3 33	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
Vacant,	3	Mifflinburg,	298	164	24	27	9	234		3	24	1	147	58 26	
do	4	Aaronsburg,	402	307	10	4	3	218		1	3	2		412 75	
do	1	Williamsport,	100					78				1			
do	2	White Deer,			12	23	6				1	1			

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick Wise,	2	St. John's,	102	145		10	5	84			2	1		$38 91	South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
Joseph G. Shoemaker,	4	Curllsville,	265	235	30	17	20	250			13	4	200	313 97	Curllsville, Clarion do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	80	89	14		4	54			2	1	40	67 50	Rimersburg, do do
Vacant,	3	South Bend,	140	137				121			1	1	100	77 00	South Bend, Armstrong do
William C. Houpt,	3	Tylersburg,	85	84	5	14		70		4		2		40 13	Lineville, Clarion do
William G. Engle,	4	Redbank,	300	200	27			200			7	4	150		Shannondale, do do
Jeremiah J. Pennepacker,	4	Kittanning,	271	207				231				4	200	107 85	Rural Valley, Armstrong do
David O. Shoemaker,	4	St. Petersburg,	500	450	50	8		450			5	4	200	250 00	Jefferson Furnace, Clarion do
Vacant,	4	Luthersburg,	320					240							
Vacant,	1	Kittanning Mission,	14					14							

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contriba's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
Frederick Pilgram,	5	Shenango,	450	290	29	2		435		9	9	4	350	$313 45	Greenville,	Mercer Co.,	Pa.
John W. Ebbinghaus,	1	Meadville,	203	171	39	9	8	200			19	1	75	66 00	Meadville,	Crawford	do
Joseph H. Stepler,	3	Sharon,	210	250	20	16		200				1	45	66 00	Sharon,	Mercer	do
Jeriah S. Shade,	2	Fairview,	373	350	37	6	3	325		3	5	2	125	161 84	Adams,	Armstrong	do
Erasmus H. Dieffenbacher,	2	Mercer,	110	80	17	13	3	101		3	3	2		32 78	London,	Mercer	do
George B. Russell,	1	All Souls,	66	53	11	3	5	60		3	1	1	65	120 00	Allegheny City		do
John Kretzing,	4	Decker Run,	153	125	14	5	5	125		2	5	8	150	93 00	Cochranton,	Crawford	do
Chr. A. Limberg,	2	Butler,	108	104	13		18	99			1	2	60	372 22	Butler,	Butler	do
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher,	1	Greenville,	100	75	12	13	23	95		3	2	1	100	104 50	Greenville,	Mercer	do
David B. Ernst,	3	Saegertown,	150					100							Saegertown,	Crawford	do
William M. Landis,	2	Harmony,	198	160	22	13	2	155			2	2	150	74 54	Harmony,	Butler	do
Robert Koehler,	1	Titusville,	60	49				34							Titusville,	Crawford	do
Vacant,	2	Watson Run,	300	200	39	13	3	277			11			84 85	Meadville,	do	do
Vacant,	2	*Petersburgh,	101	107	11	13		75				2	70	35 96			
Lawrence D. Leberman,		Corresponding Sec. of Board of Home Mis.													Reading,	Berks	do
Abner Dale,		Without charge,													Slippery Rock,	Butler	do
Philip Zeizer,		do.													Hamburg,	Mercer	do
D. D. Leberman,		do.													Meadville,		do

*** Supplied by Rev. Landis and Limberg.**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excomm'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's
East Pennsylvania,	23	75	14,559	11,330	1,479	781	223	11,211	1	246	544	110	2,212	$8,451 40
Lebanon,	26	56	11,213	4,615	1,268	799	172	9,609	4	45	427	70	5,958	8,055 23
Zion,	21	69	7,882	5,463	685	486	125	6,474		68	238	70	1,187	2,478 42
Maryland,	23	49	6,364	4.387	535	167	114	5,475		186	223	44	3,618	3,508 86
North Carolina,	11	27	1,582	344	96	199		1,582	11	4	8	17		
Virginia,	8	28	1,413		106	201	23	1.363		6	33	14	115	47 00
Philadelphia,	33	31	5,805	2,270	1,064	328	373	5,366	3	135	399	37	4,293	14,103 19
Mercersburg,	27	62	5,802	5,322	498	339	121	5,212		83	128	48	2.844	4,732 52
Goshenhoppen,	17	49	9,161	5,869	733	435	47	7,655		37	378	74	1,571	2,837 17
New York,	7	7	912	400	295	77	62	856		35	16	5	640	407 21
Lancaster,	18	35	3,070	1,903	259	192	57	2,469		43	112	28	1,057	1,649 27
E. Susquehanna,	22	83	6,565	3,409	760	330	65	4,846		48	247	63	1,485	1,237 92
W. Susquehanna,	13	46	3,143	1,589	249	207	41	2,457		24	102	30	632	1,423 89
Clarion,	7	30	2,077	1,547	126	49	29	1,641		4	30	21	890	895 39
St. Paul's,	16	31	2,582	2,014	264	106	70	2,281		23	58	21	1,190	1,525 14
West New York,	6	9	1,000	493	117	51	2	680		1	34	5	335	179 15
Total,	278	696	83,130	50,955	8,548	4,747	1,524	68,580	19	988	2,977	657	28,027	$51,531 76
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes,	130	300	18,618	11,830	1,990	1,490	770	17,444	191	277	494	205	6,599	10,204 88
North Western Synod, 5 Classes,	83	162	8,660	5,663	997	544	698	7,636	20	206	322	77	1,642	3,344 06
Total, 3 Synods, 29 Classes	491	1152	110,408	68,448	11,535	6,781	2,992	93,760	230	1471	3,793	939	36,268	$65,080 70

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One Hundred and Twenty-Second Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

Hagerstown, Md., October, 1868

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, in the month of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight. The sessions continued from the evening of the Twenty-First to the morning of the Thirtieth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions were opened with singing and prayer by the President, the Rev. Samuel N. Callender, prior to which a sermon was preached by the Rev. George L. Staley, from Luke xxii. 29. "*And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me.*"

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. J. C. Julius Kurtz, Martin A. Smith, Robert Lisburger[1], and Isaac K. Loos.

Elders. Hon. Joseph Laubach, Samuel Kern[2], Daniel Knauss, and J. J. Hoffman.[3]

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Samuel Miller, Daniel Y. Heisler[4], and Jacob Klein.

Elders. John Heilman and Christian D. Zehring.

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[1] Was succeeded by the Rev. John Beck, on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[2] Was excused for absence, on account of sickness, on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[3] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[4] Was excused for absence, on account of sickness, on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. David W. Wolff, William R. H. Deatrich, Ephraim Kieffer, and Daniel Gring.[5]

Elders. William A. Wilt, Jacob Ditzler, Jacob Frownfelter, and John P. Hassler.[6]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D.[7], Edwin R. Eschbach, John S. Foulk, John M. Titzel, and George L. Staley.

Elders. Goldsboro S. Griffith, Joshua Motter, Henry K. Tice, and John T. Ankenny.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Henry H. W. Hibschman[8], David E. Klopp, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., William Serber[9], Daniel Gans, D. D.[10], and Samuel H. Giesy, D. D.[11]

Elders. Jacob Schmidt, Dr. Thomas Ingram[12], and Hon. Hiram C. Hoover.[13]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. Henry St. John Rinker, and John C. Hensell.

Elders. Joseph Snapp and Peter Wise.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. Henry Heckerman, John W. Love, Peter S. Davis, and Thomas G. Apple, D. D.

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[5] Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

[6] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth, and obtained leave of absence on the evening of the same day of the sessions.

[7] Was succeeded by the Rev. Marcus Bachman, on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[8] Was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, D. D., on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[9] His seat was occupied by the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, D. D., from the afternoon of the seventh until the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[10] His seat was occupied by the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, D. D., from the morning of the second until the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[11] Was succeeded by the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, who was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[12] [illegible]k his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[13] [illegible] his seat on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

Elders. George H. Mengel, Adam B. Wingerd, John B. Kieffer[14], John Bowman.[15]

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, and Joseph H. Dubbs.
Elders. David B. Mauger[16], and Aaron Drake.[17]

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John F. Busche.
Elders. * * * * * *

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., Samuel Kuhn, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., and William A. Gring.[18]
Elders. Daniel W. Gross, William H. Seibert[19], and Henry Stouffer.[20]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker and Joseph H. Apple.
Elders. Frederick Smith[20], and John Crick.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Rev. George B. Russell, Erasmus H. Dieffenbacher, and Joseph H. Stepler.[21]
Elders. Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher and C. M. Bousch.[19]

XIV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Jared Fritzinger, Henry Hoffman[22], and John W. Steinmetz.[23]
Elders. Hon. George C. Welker and David Fry.

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[14] Was excused for absence, on account of sickness, on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, and succeeded by David Berger, on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[15] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[16] Was excused for absence, on account of sickness in his family, on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

[17] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[18] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[19] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[20] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions.

[21] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, and was succeeded by the Rev. D. D. Leberman, on the morning of the third day of the sessions

[22] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[23] Took his seat on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.

XV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. John W. Lescher, Lewis C. Edmonds, and Cyrus H. Reiter.
Elders. Michael Brown,[24] and John K. Runkle.

XVI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WESTERN NEW YORK.

Rev. John Knie.
Elders. * * * * * *

XVII. FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Rev. Theodore P. Bucher.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Rev. Charles H. Stitt, D. D.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

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From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, John Beck, and Israel S. Weisz.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. Charles F. McCauley, Thomas C. Leinbach, Herman Bokum.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. John A. Hoffheins, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Jacob O. Miller, William C. Bennet, and Elder Dr. Isaac Lefever.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. Marcus Bachman, Samuel Philips, Simon S. Miller, J. Spangler Kieffer, J. Caspar Hauser, Henry Grandlienard, Joseph W. Santee, William Goodrich, Henry I. Comfort, Abner R. Kremer, Frederick A. Rupley, and Elder John Rodenmayer.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. George Dehring Wolff, and Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev. William D. Lefever, Hiram Shaull, Henry Wissler, Mortimer L. Shuford, Henry Getzendanner.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. E E. Higbee, D. D., Samuel N. Callender, A. Carl Whitmer, Henry W. Hoffmeier, Joseph S. Loose, Calvin U. Heilman, William C. B. Shulenberger, and Elder J. F. Wiant.

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[24] ...ed leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Theodore Appel, Lewis D. Steckle, Tilghman O. Stem, Darius W. Gerhard, Frederick Pilgram, William H. H. Snyder, Amos H. Kremer.

From the Classis of St. Paul.—Rev. Walter E. Krebs, Joseph H. Stepler.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. David W. Kelley.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier, John Caspar Bucher.

From the Classis of Westmoreland.—Rev. William Rupp, Andrew J. Heller, A. B. Koplin, George H. Johnston, Christian C. Russell.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced during the sessions: Rev. Mr. Titus, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. Dr. Edwards, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Bishop Glossbrenner, of the United Brethren in Christ.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., was chosen *President.*
Rev. George L. Staley was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., is *Stated Clerk.*
Rev. Marcus Bachman was continued as *German Clerk.*
Elder Henry Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., was chosen *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The Synod defined the bar of the house, as required by the Rules of Order. The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning sessions* to open at 9 and close at 12 o'clock.

The *Afternoon sessions* to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

Evening sessions were held every evening after Sunday, commencing at half past seven and closing at ten o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. H. St. John Rinker, J. C. Julius Kurtz, W. R. Humphry Deatrich, and Elders William A. Wilt and Joseph Snapp.

Overtures.—Rev. Martin A. Smith, Samuel Miller, Ephraim Kieffer, and Elders George C. Welker and Henry K. Tice.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Joseph H. Apple, Joseph H. Dubbs, and Elders Samuel Kern and Christian D. Zehring.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. George B. Russell, Daniel Y. Heisler, John M. Titzell, and Elders Jacob Ditzler and Joseph Laubach.

Examination and Licensure.—Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Elders Peter Wise and Jacob Schmidt.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. Henry Heckerman, George B. Russell, Martin A. Smith, and Elders Joshua Motter and John Heilman.

Missions.—Rev. John S. Foulk, Samuel Kuhn, Joseph G. Shoemaker, and Elders Goldsboro S. Griffith and Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher.

Nominations.—Rev. George L. Staley, Edmund R. Eschbach, John C. Hensell, and Elders John B. Kieffer and Daniel B. Mauger.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. Peter S. Davis, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher. Jared Fritzinger, and Elders Hon. Joseph Laubach and Joshua Motter.

Finance.—Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, John F. Busche, David E. Klopp, and Elders Peter Wise and Frederick Smith.

Publication.—Rev. Benjamin Bausman, I. K. Loos, John W. Love, and Elders George H. Mengel and Daniel Knauss.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy each of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America and of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, Clarion, St. Paul, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and Western New York were received and referred.

3. The annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

4. The annual report of the Trustees of the Synods, accompanied with a report of the Treasurer, and also a report from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College were received and referred, the former

to the Committee on Finance and the latter to the Committee on Nominations.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication and the report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Hausfreund," were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. Statements were received from the Treasurers of Home Missions and Extension Fund, and also from the late Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of the last annual sessions, held at Baltimore, Md., and also of the special sessions held in March last in Harrisburg, Pa., was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod would respectfully report the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, page 7. A resolution requesting the German Clerk of Synod to prepare a translation of the Minutes of Synod at an early day.

Item 2, page 17. The appointment of a committee to reply to a letter from the Evangelical Church Diet.

Item 3, page 18. The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 4, page 47. The action of the Synod in relation to special collections.

Item 5, page 58. A resolution referring the case of David B. Ernst to St. Paul's Classis for readjudication.

Item 6, page 58. A preamble and resolution requiring the Classis of Lebanon to call Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan to an account for views expressed by him, in a certain tract, which views are plainly contrary to the teachings of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Item 7, page 68. Two resolutions requesting the Board of Publication to issue a pocket edition of the Order of Worship, and a partial edition of the same.

Item 8, page 78. A resolution instructing the presiding and recording officers of Synod to issue the Pastoral Letter to the churches.

Item 9, page 78. A resolution directing the pastors of this Synod to read the pastoral letter to their people from the pulpit.

Item 10, page 81. The appointment of a committee, of which the

Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh is chairman, to visit certain Female Seminaries.

Item 11, page 82. The appointment of a committee to take into consideration the propriety of restoring the Apostolic office of Deaconesses.

Item 12, page 86. The appointment of a committee to take measures to ascertain the author of a certain article published in the "American Church Missionary Register."

Item 13. (Special meeting.) A resolution authorizing and directing the Board of Publication to publish a Memorial Volume in reference to the lamented death of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh

Item 14. A resolution committing the issuing and supervision of this work to the Rev. George B. Russell.

Item 15. The appointment of a committee at same meeting to inaugurate the Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, the Professor elect of Didactic and Practical Theology.

Item 16. A resolution authorizing the several committees, of which the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh was a member, to fill vacancies occasioned by his death.

Item 17, page 37. (Regular meeting.) A resolution placing the inaugural address of Dr. Higbee in the hands of the Board of Publication to be published.

Item 18, page 38. The continuation of a committee on the German Professorship.

Item 19, page 54. Authority given to the Clerk of Synod to publish three thousand copies of the minutes of Synod, twenty-two hundred English and eight hundred German.

Item 20, page 69. The report of the committee on Lay Baptism was laid on the table until this meeting.

Item 21, page 59. The appointment of a special committee to cooperate with the Maryland Classis in attending to the interests of the congregation at Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ST. JOHN RINKER, *Chairman.*

For the result of the action reported in items 1, 7, 13, 14, 17, and 19, see Article XIX, Publication. For the reports called for in items 2 and 3, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action reported in items 4 5, 6, and 9, see Article X, Minutes of Classes. For the report called for in item 8 and the disposition made of the subject referred to in item 20, see Article XX, Church Government. For the reports called for in items 10, 11, and 12, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous. For the result of the action reported in items 15 and 18, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary. Item 16 was laid on the table. For the result of the action reported in 21, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report the following documents:

Item 1. A paper signed by A. W. Meyers and John Wiest, containing, in accordance with the Constitution, reasons for complaint against the action of the Synod of Baltimore, in regard to the Meyerstown Convention, endorsed as received by the President, November 4, 1867.

Item 2. Reasons of appeal by the Classis of Philadelphia from the decision of the Synod of Baltimore in the case of the Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., to the General Synod, endorsed as received by the President, November 18, 1867.

Item 3. A memorial of the Consistory of the Christ Evangelical Reformed Church of Philadelphia, to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, against the Philadelphia Classis.

Item 4. A memorial of the Consistory of the Christ Evangelical Reformed Church of Philadelphia, in regard to the action of the Philadelphia Classis.

Item 5. A memorial signed by A. S. Gerhart, a member of the Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Philadelphia, in regard to the action of the Philadelphia Classis.

Item 6. A paper from Dr. E. V. Gerhart addressed to the President of the Synod, in which he signifies his acceptance of the Professorship of Didactic and Practical Theology in the Seminary at Mercersburg.

Item 7. Resolutions of Lancaster Classis with regard to the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 8. A communication from Rev. Hermann Bokum, in reference to a Reformed congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Item 9. A letter from Elder John Wiest, in which he tenders his resignation as member of the Board of Publication.

Item 10. A letter from Rev. Wm. C. Bennet, in which he calls the attention of Synod to vacated Church property in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. SMITH, *Chairman.*

For the action of the Synod on item 1, see Article XVII, Complaints; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on item 6, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; on item 7, see Article XXI, Missions, and on item 9, see Article XIX, Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully offer the following report:

The only documents placed in the hands of your Committee are the following:

1. A copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, convened in the city of Hudson, New York, in June, 1868. This Synod elected as delegates to the Reformed Synod in the U. S., Dr. Charles H. Stitt, *primarius*, and Rev. Joseph Scudder, *secundus*. Rev. Dr. Zacharias, delegate of the General Synod, and Dr. John W. Nevin, delegate of the Eastern Synod, were present. The Synod adjourned to meet in Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday in June, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Your Committee find nothing else demanding the attention of this Synod.

2. A copy of the minutes of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States, convened at Shelby, Richland County, Ohio, June 3, 1868. The Synod elected as delegates to this Synod, Rev. T. P. Bucher, *primarius*, and Rev. P. C. Prugh, *secundus*. The Synod overtures this Synod to concur in their action, suspending an exchange of delegates. The Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses the opinion, that there is no longer any occasion, since the formation of the General Synod, for an exchange of delegates, and that the exchange of delegates therefore cease.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. APPLE, *Chairman*.

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Having been appointed to represent this body at a meeting of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, convened last Spring in Shelby, Ohio, I respectfully report:

That I attended to this duty. The Synod convened on the evening of the 2d of June and continued its sessions until the 7th. I was present from the day after its organization to its close. The regular Synodical business was transacted, in which your delegate took part. At the beginning of the session, it was resolved to discontinue the present correspondence, in view of the closer communication in the

General Synod. This action was, however, afterward rescinded and the matter postponed until it be brought before this Synod at its present meeting for its consideration.

I was cordially received and entertained by the members, and on taking leave of the Synod was directed by it to bear its Christian greetings and kind wishes to this body.

My travelling expenses to and from Shelby amounted to the sum of $34.00.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. KREBS.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

In conformity with my appointment last year as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, I made it my business to attend its annual meeting held at Hudson, New York, in the month of June last. I was received kindly by the body, and found it pleasant to take part in its sessions. The friendly salutations with which I was charged from this Synod were received with cordial favor; and I was instructed to bear back with me in return the warm regards of the Dutch Church to our own, and the assurance that there is no other, which she feels to be so near to herself, or in whose welfare she takes a more lively interest and concern.

The proceedings of the Synod seemed to show a reigning condition of quiet prosperity and peace in the churches under its care; while the feeling appeared to be strong, nevertheless, that the life of the Church was not fully up to the demands of the present time in this country, and that she must in some way, therefore, enlarge the sphere of her action, and put forth new activity and strength, to make her denominational existence what it ought to be for herself and for the world at large. It was curious to see how this feeling coupled itself especially with the substitution of the simple title *Reformed*, for the foreign national name by which the Church has been heretofore known. This change is now happily completed, to the very general satisfaction, I believe, of the whole Church. Let us hope that the return of both Churches, the Dutch and the German, to their original and only proper confessional title, will have the effect of reviving in both the full sense of their true historical life, and so serve to bring them nearer together also in the consciousness of one and the same Reformed faith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. NEVIN.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

Your delegate begs leave to report:

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excomm'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's
East Pennsylvania,	23	75	14,559	11,330	1,479	781	223	11,211	1	246	544	110	2,212	$8,451 40
Lebanon,	26	56	11,213	4,615	1,268	799	172	9,009	4	45	427	70	5,958	8,055 23
Zion,	21	69	7,882	5,463	685	486	125	6,474		68	238	70	1,187	2,478 42
Maryland,	23	49	6,364	4.387	535	167	114	5,475		186	223	44	3,618	3,508 86
North Carolina,	11	27	1,582	344	96	199		1,582	11	4	8	17		
Virginia,	8	28	1,413		106	201	23	1.363		6	33	14	115	47 00
Philadelphia,	33	31	5.805	2,270	1,064	328	373	5,366	3	135	399	37	4,293	14,103 19
Mercersburg,	27	62	5,802	5,322	498	339	121	5.212		83	128	48	2.844	4,732 52
Goshenhoppen,	17	49	9,161	5,869	733	435	47	7,655		37	378	74	1,571	2,837 17
New York,	7	7	912	400	295	77	62	856		35	16	5	640	407 21
Lancaster,	18	35	3,070	1.903	259	192	57	2,469		43	112	28	1,057	1,649 27
E. Susquehanna,	22	83	6,565	3,409	760	330	65	4,846		48	247	63	1,485	1,237 92
W. Susquehanna,	13	46	3,143	1,589	249	207	41	2,457		24	102	30	632	1,423 89
Clarion,	7	30	2,077	1,547	126	49	29	1,644		4	30	21	890	895 39
St. Paul's,	16	31	2.582	2,014	264	106	70	2,281		23	58	21	1,190	1,525 14
West New York,	6	9	1,000	493	117	51	2	680		1	34	5	335	179 15
Total,	278	690	83,130	50.955	8,548	4,747	1,524	68,580	19	988	2,977	657	28,027	$51,531 76
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes,	130	300	18,618	11,830	1,990	1,490	770	17,444	191	277	494	205	6,599	10,204 88
North Western Synod. 5 Classes,	83	162	8,660	5,663	997	544	698	7,636	20	206	322	77	1,642	3,344 06
Total. 3 Synods, 29 Classes	491	1152	110.408	68,448	11,535	6,781	2,992	93,760	230	1471	3,793	939	36,268	$65,080 70

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We feel ourselves allied to you in one spirit and one faith, and sincerely rejoice at the fruits of your labors in the Lord, for which we render praise and thanksgiving to the God of all blessings.

Your kind invitation to the German Evangelical Church Diet at Kiel, together with the Programme of its proceedings, was received, it is true, at a late hour; still, if the circumstances had allowed us to send to it one of our brethren with our fraternal greetings, it would have been cheerfully done.

You may rest assured, dear brethren, that we always read your proceedings, as far as they come under our observation, with deep interest, and invoke the blessing of God upon them. We also confidently trust, that you will grant us your brotherly intercessions, and, as far as possible, your co-operation also, in increasing our means of cultivating the extensive field of labor among our brethren, coming to us from our German Fatherland.

If the Lord will, one of our brethren may, perhaps, be sent to your next German Evangelical Church Diet, with our friendly greetings. Should this, however, not occur, we will still be with you in spirit, and hold communion with you in prayer and intercession before the Throne of all Grace.

Yours truly in the Lord,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Done in the sessions of Synod at Hagerstown, Md., October 30th, 1868.

On the morning of the third day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Stitt, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, took his leave of Synod in a brief address, which was appropriately responded to by the President. On the evening of the fifth day of the sessions, the Rev. Theodore P. Bucher took leave of Synod in the midst of similar ceremonies.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received, disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Goshenhoppen Classis failed to send in its minutes in time.

2. West Susquehanna Classis confirmed a call to the Rev. George E. Addams, which came from only one congregation of the charge. Page 2.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to take some action in regard to the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College.

2. Mercersburg Classis refers to Synod, for decision, the following questions:

(a) Who are to be reported as communicants in the Church Statistics? p. 28.

(b) What relations do Elders sustain to Pastors? p. 28.

3. The same Classis overtures Synod to make it a condition, in dismissing a minister, that, before the name of the minister dismissed be dropped from the roll of the dismissing Classis, the fact of his reception must be officially communicated to the Stated Clerk or Secretary of the Classis dismissing him. p. 29.

4. Clarion Classis requests Synod to allow it to retain a certain sum of money, recovered from the Post Office Department, for their own purposes. p. 11.

5. Lebanon Classis requests Synod to notice the case of the Lutheran pastor at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who received members of the Reformed Church whilst they were under censure.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. *Appeal* of the elders and deacons of the South Bend Church from the decision of the Clarion Classis.

2. *Appeal* of the Classis of Philadelphia, to the General Synod, from the action of the Synod at Baltimore, in the case of Dr. Fisher's appeal from that Classis. p. 5.

3. *Appeal* of Anton Baron Von Püchelstein, from the action of Philadelphia Classis, deposing him from the holy ministry. pp. 25–38.

4. *Appeal* of Consistory of Christ's Church, Philadelphia, against the action of their Classis in the case of their delegated elders. p. 47.

5. *Appeal* of the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, against the action of the Philadelphia Classis in their decision on the case of complaint of certain members against the Consistory. p. 139.

6. *Appeal* of Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from the rulings of the Philadelphia Classis, deciding that the President is not obliged to vote along with the other members, when the vote is taken by *yeas* and *nays*, except he be specially excused. p. 176.

7. *Appeal* of Rev. Dr. D. Gans, for Consistory of Christ Reformed Church, from the final action, and all its parts, of the Philadelphia Classis, in the case of certain parties against Consistory. In this appeal, also, certain individuals join. p. 192.

8. *Complaint* of Drs. Fisher and Gans against the action of the Philadelphia Classis, for the purpose of protecting rights of Consistories. p. 113.

9. *Complaint* of Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, against the action of the Philadelphia Classis, deciding that the reading of the papers before

the Classis, at a previous meeting, was sufficient to meet the requirements of the 100th Article of the Constitution. p. 118.

10. *Complaint* of Rev. Drs. Fisher and Giesy, G. D. Wolff, Gen. G. W. Mindil, Elders Wm. Shall and C. N. Brock, against the rulings of the Philadelphia Classis. p. 133.

11. *Complaint* of Rev. G. B. Russell, Drs. Fisher and Gans, and G. D. Wolff, against decision of the Philadelphia Classis, involving a violation of the Constitution, Art. 100. p. 135.

12. *Complaint* of Rev. Dr. Fisher and G. D. Wolff, against the action of the Philadelphia Classis, in taking down testimony. See page 144.

13. *Complaint* of Rev. Drs. Fisher, Giesy and Gans, G. D. Wolff, and Elder Wm. Shall, in regard to the re-adoption of the Report on the State of Religion in the Philadelphia Classis. p. 146.

14. *Complaint* of Rev. George D. Wolff, Dr. S. R. Fisher, Elders Wm. Shall, Charles N. Brock, and Gen. G. W. Mindil, against the action of the Philadelphia Classis. See page 148.

15. *Complaint* of Rev. Dr. Gans, and G. D. Wolff, against the rulings of the Philadelphia Classis in regard to certain testimony of C. N. Brock. p. 194.

16. *Complaint* of same against the same, in referring replies of both parties to a committee. pp. 194, 195.

17. *Complaint* of Rev. Drs. Gans, Giesy and Fisher, G. D. Wolff, and laymen L. P. Titus, C. N. Brock, Philip F. Fry, J. S. Berger, and H. A. Musselman, against the final action of Philadelphia Classis in the long trial before them.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

1. All the different Classes took favorable action on Missions, Beneficiary Education, Benevolence, the Christian Sabbath, &c., referred to them.

2. The Classis of North Carolina declines to consent to the omission of the title German from the name of the Church.

3. The Pastoral letter was read by some, and not read by others; only by a few in some Classes.

4. Lebanon Classis attended to the case of Rev. A. S. Vaughan, referred to them for action. pp. 36–39.

5. Clarion and St. Paul's Classes regret the action of the Synod in reference to the formation of a new Synod.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received Rev. S. A. Leinbach from the Lebanon Classis, and Rev. S. G. Wagner from the Philadelphia Classis; dismissed the Licentiate Charles Knepper to the Illinois Classis, Rev. S. Philips to the Maryland Classis, Rev. D. Y. Heisler to the Lebanon Classis, and the Licentiate, A. F. Zeigler, to the Goshenhoppen Classis; licensed Prof. Ludwig and John Wohlbach.

2. Zions Classis received Rev. W. F. Colliflower from the Maryland Classis, Rev. A. S. Vaughan from the Lebanon Classis, the Licentiate T. F. Hoffmeier from the Lancaster Classis, Rev. S. E. Herring from the Sandusky Classis, and dismissed Rev. John A. Hoffheins to the Lebanon Classis.

3. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. C. H. Reiter from the Sandusky Classis, Rev. W. G. Engle from the Clarion Classis, Rev. J. C. Bucher from the Lebanon Classis, and Rev. G. E. Addams from East Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed Rev. D. W. Kelley and Rev. Joseph Schläppig to the East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse to Lebanon Classis; licensed D. M. Wolff and L. K. Evans, and ordained the latter to the holy ministry.

4. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. C. Scheel from the Maryland Classis, Rev. D. W. Kelley from the West Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed Rev. L. C. Sheip to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. W. C. Cremer and Rev. S. S. Miller to the Maryland Classis, and Rev. G. E. Addams to the West Susquehanna Classis.

5. Lebanon Classis received Rev. D. Y. Heisler from the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. J. A. Leis from the Miami Classis, Licentiate H. R. Nicks from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and Licentiate Stephen Schweitzer from the Mercersburg Classis, and ordained him to the holy ministry, and Rev. Wm. M. Reily from the West Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach to the East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. U. H. Heilman to the Goshenhoppen Classis.

6. Clarion Classis received Licentiate Louis Crist from the Tiffin Classis, and ordained him to the holy ministry, and dismissed Rev. Wm. G. Engle to the West Susquehanna Classis; also ordained the Licentiate J. J. Pennypacker.

7. New York Classis received Rev. C. Banks from the St. John's Classis, Rev. Adolph Rahn from, and dismissed Dr. G. Seibert to, the Presbyterian Church.

8. Philadelphia Classis received Rev. W. H. H. Hibschman, and Rev. L. C. Sheip from the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. C. G. Fisher from the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. S. M. K. Huber from the Goshenhoppen Classis, and Rev. M. S. Rowland from the Methodist Episcopal Church; dismissed Rev. J. C. Hauser to Maryland Classis, Rev. J. S. Ermentrout conditionally, and Rev. S. G. Wagner to the East Pennsylvania Classis; erased the name of J. P. Pfister from the roll of ministers, and deposed Rev. Dr. Anton Baron Von Püchelstein from the office of the holy ministry.

9. St. Paul's Classis received Rev. Walter E. Krebs from the Mercersburg Classis, and dismissed Rev. F. Pilgram to the Lancaster Classis, and took no further action in the case of Rev. D. B. Ernst.

10. Maryland Classis received Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus from the St. Paul's Classis, Rev. H. I. Comfort from the Miami Classis, Rev. S. S. Miller, and Rev. W. C. Cremer from the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. A. R. Kremer, and Rev. J. S. Kieffer from the Mercers-

burg Classis, Rev. J. C. Hauser from the Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. S. Philips from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and dismissed Rev. W. F. Colliflower to Zions Classis, Rev. C. Scheel to the East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. G. W. Glessner to the Mercersburg Classis, and licensed Henry Grandlienard.

11. Lancaster Classis received Rev. F. A. Gast and T. O. Stem from the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. F. Pilgram from the St. Paul's Classis, and Rev. E. H. Nevin, an independent minister, on examination; ordained L. D. Steckel; licensed T. Frank Hoffmeier and Henry W. Hoffmeier; dismissed T. F. Hoffmeier to Zions Classis, H. W. Hoffmeier to the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. F. Fox to the Presbytery of San Francisco, and Rev. I. E. Graff to the Lebanon Classis.

12. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. G. W. Glessner and Rev. Joseph S. Loose from the Maryland Classis, Licentiate Henry W. Hoffmeier from the Lancaster Classis; licensed John B. Keiffer, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, and Stephen Schweitzer; ordained H. W. Hoffmeier, and W. C. B. Shulenberger, and dismissed Licentiate Stephen Schweitzer to the Lebanon Classis, Rev. J. S. Kieffer and Rev. A. R. Kremer to the Maryland Classis, Rev. C. G. Fisher to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. W. E. Krebs to the St. Paul's Classis, and Rev. T. O. Stem to the Lancaster Classis.

13. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. U. H. Heilman from the Lebanon Classis, Rev. H. Hess from the Sandusky Classis, Licentiate A. F. Zeigler from the Classis of East Pennsylvania; dismissed Rev. L. Cort to the Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. S. M. K. Huber to the Philadelphia Classis.

14. West New York Classis received Rev. John Knie from Indiana Classis, and Rev. H. Bielfeld from the Nassau Presbytery.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS, ETC.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis meets on Tuesday after Whitsunday, 1869, at 2 o'clock, P.M., in Egypt Church, Lehigh county, Pa. M. A. Smith, *President*, N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Zions Classis meets on the third Friday in May, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., at Newport, Perry county, Pa. D. W. Wolff, *President*, W. R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Lebanon Classis meets on Thursday before Ascension Day, 1869, at 7½, P.M., in the Jerusalem Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. C. F. McCauley, *President*, J. E. Hiester, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Philadelphia Classis will hold its next annual meeting in the Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa., on Thursday evening after Whitsuntide, May 20th, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. D. E. Klopp, *President*, J. Dahlman, Jr., *Stated Clerk*.

5. St. Paul's Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Brady's Bend, Butler county, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. C. R. Dieffenbacher, *President*, John Kroetzing, *Stated Clerk*.

6. Maryland Classis meets at Frederick City, Md., on Thursday before Ascension Day, 1869, at 7½, P.M. J. M. Titzel, *President*, S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Lancaster Classis meets at New Holland, Pa., on the third Friday in May, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. W. H. H. Snyder *President*, W. Aug. Gring, *Stated Clerk*.

8. Mercersburg Classis meets in Chambersburg, Pa., on Thursday evening, May 13th, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. P. S. Davis, *President*, W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

9. North Carolina Classis meets at Newton, N. C., on Thursday before the first Sunday in May, 1869, at 10 o'clock in the morning. John Ingle, *President*, G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*.

10. East Susquehanna Classis meets on Friday after Ascension Day, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., at Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, Pa. J. Kehm, *President*, W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

11. West Susquehanna Classis meets on the third Wednesday in May, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in New Berlin, Union county, Pa. C. F. Hoffmeier, *President*, D. G. Klein, *Stated Clerk*.

12. Clarion Classis meets on the last Thursday in May, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A.M., in St. John's Church, Armstrong county, Pa. D. O. Shoemaker, *President*, J. G. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk*.

13. New York Classis meets on the first Tuesday after Whitsuntide, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., in Newburgh, New York. J. F. Busche, *President*, Chr. Michel, *Stated Clerk*.

14. West New York Classis meets on the first Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., in the Reformed Zions Church, Buffalo, N. Y. H. Bentz, *President*, D. Willers, *Stated Clerk*.

15. Virginia Classis meets on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., in St. Paul's Church, Augusta county, Va. J. C. Hensell, *President*, H. St. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

16. Goshenhoppen Classis meets in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., on Friday before Ascension Day, 1869, at 7 o'clock, P.M. W. R. Yearick, *President*, A. J. G. Dubbs, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on Irregularities Nos. 1 and 2, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on Request No. 1, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on Requests, Nos. 2, 3, and 5, see Article XX, Church Government; and Request No. 4, see Article XV, Finance; on Appeals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and Complaints Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, see Article XVI, Appeals and References. The remaining items in the report were severally adopted. Additional action was taken in reference to the item relating to the reading of the Pastoral Letter, for the particulars of which see Article XX, Church Government.

ARTICLE XI

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination report:

That no application has come before them requiring their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report. It was received and adopted, and is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the good providence of God it has been our privilege to assemble once more as a Synod, to narrate, as far as we are able, the history of the ongoings of our Divine Redeemer's Kingdom, and to transact such business as we hope will promote the interests of that kingdom in the world.

And first of all, it "is meet and right and our bounden duty to give thanks" to the Great Head of the Church, that He has established a kingdom, and counted us worthy to be made stewards in the mysteries of His grace; that He has spared our lives, and that the work of the Lord has prospered in our hands.

The reports put into the hands of your committee give evidence, that our Church is going on to enlargement. Not only have new fields been opened, but many of our old congregations and charges have become so large, that their best interests require that they should be divided. One Classis reports, that its membership has been "trebled" in twenty-five years, and a comparison of statistical tables would probably show a corresponding outward growth throughout the bounds of the Synod. The number of our ministers, too, has been increased, but this increase has not been equal to the demand. Fully one hundred properly educated and ordained pastors could now be usefully employed, if the men and means were at our disposal. This acknowledged want is awakening the Church to a sense of our educational interests. Our church schools are being filled with young men, who are looking forward to the gospel ministry, and we have reason to expect, that in a few years many will stand forth and receive that solemn investiture, in virtue of which they will be empowered to do

and to teach those things involved in the commission given by our Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples.

But it is proper, that we should look at the internal life of the Church, if we would know any thing of the significance of our ecclesiastical state and movements. And in this we have every reason to be encouraged. The reports almost universally give evidence of a return to the "old paths," from which we have but too sadly wandered in years past. There is now a growing apprehension of the supernatural constitution of grace let down from Heaven to Earth in the Person of God's Son, and continued in the world in virtue of his triumphant resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Majesty on high. Our most holy Christianity is not so much now regarded as a mere doctrinal system addressed to the understanding, as though it were a fabled Sphynx sitting by the wayside and saying to all men: "Solve the riddle or die;" nor yet as a mere subjective feeling, into which men may work themselves as a hopeful state before God, but primarily as a Divine power laying hold of us and enabling us to apprehend that for which we are apprehended in Christ Jesus. The eternal verities of the Apostles Creed are challenging the faith of *our* people, and the Church with her living ministry, her word and sacraments, her culture and worship, are properly regarded and used as the channels and means of God's grace.

Nor are we to be discouraged by the fact indicated by the reports, that efforts may have been made to stir up opposition to us, in contending for the ancient faith and practice of the Church. The words of our Master and the history of the Church tell us, that this is just what is to be expected. The apostles encountered deeper prejudices than any against which we have to contend, yet no one of them faltered in preaching Jesus and the resurrection, because it was brought into question by the Sadducees around him. The introduction of the Heidelberg Catechism gave rise to bloody street fights such as are unknown in all our contests, and yet the reformers did not allow the truth to go by default, because of popular opinions or tumults. In every age the disciples of Christ have been called upon to "*keep*" the faith, instead of allowing ever-varying popular sentiment to *make* it.

Above all, it becomes us to be faithful, redeeming the time because the days are evil. The time is short. The night cometh, when no man can work.

The report of the East Pennsylvania Classis announces, that since we last met, the venerable and Rev. Joseph S. Dubs, D.D., has been compelled, by the infirmities of age, to retire from the active duties of the ministry, after having labored faithfully in the Master's vineyard for nearly a half century.

The records also show, that during the Synodical year just brought to a close, Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., Professor of Didactic Theology in the Seminary at Mercersburg; Rev. Robert Douglas, of the Classis of Maryland; Rev. Elijah B. Wilson, of East Susquehanna Clas-

sis, and Rev. Daniel Zeller, of Goshenhoppen Classis, have fallen asleep in Jesus, and during our present sessions, it has been announced, that Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier, of Virginia Classis, has been called to his reward. We miss their counsels here, but we praise God "for the holy fellowship of patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and the whole company of the redeemed, who have died in the Lord, and who now live with Him forever." And when during our sessions here we made our nearest approach to God in the Eucharistic mystery, we could give "thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in Heaven and Earth is named," for his great grace and many gifts bestowed on those, who have gone before us in the way of salvation, and by whom we are now compassed about in our Christian course, as a cloud of witnesses looking down upon us from the Heavenly world. And we could pray, "Enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at their joy and so abide with them in rest and peace, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day."

P. S. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical Report, see Appendix.]

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1). The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2). Rev. Ephraim Kieffer, Joseph H. Dubbs, J. Spangler Kieffer, and Elders Adam B. Wingerd and John Heilman were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Religious Exercises respectfully report the following appointments:

Thursday evening.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. D. Gans.

Friday evening.—Religious exercises—Invocation and hymn by Rev. Simon S. Miller; Prayer by Rev. Samuel Miller; Address by Rev. Jacob O. Miller; Address by Rev. George B. Russell; Prayer by Rev. John S. Foulk; Hymn and Benediction by Rev. John C. Hensell.

Saturday afternoon—Sermon by Rev. Dr. D. Zacharias. Saturday evening—Sermon by Rev. George D. Wolff.

Sabbath morning.—Consecration services—Sermon by Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee.

Sunday afternoon.—Sunday School Addresses by Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart and A. Carl Whitmer.

Sunday evening.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin.

Monday afternoon.—Inauguration of Professor Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.

Monday evening.—Missionary Anniversary. Addresses by Rev. L. D. Leberman, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, and T. P. Bucher.

Second Reformed Church.—Saturday evening, Rev. J. Knie—Sunday morning, J. F. Busche—Sunday evening, Rev. M. Bachman.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, Dr. John W. Nevin—Evening, Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple.

Lutheran Church.—Rev. D. E. Klopp, morning, and Rev. J. M. Titzel, evening.

Methodist Church.—Rev. J. C. Heasell, morning, and Rev. J. S. Foulk, evening.

United Brethren Church.—Rev. J. W. Love, morning, and Rev. M. A. Smith, evening.

African Church.—Morning, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, and evening, Rev. J. W. Lescher.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

The several appointments were filled, as provided for in the report, except the Religious Exercises assigned to Friday evening. These were substituted by a sermon by the Rev. George B. Russell.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors.

(a) *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in U. S.:

Rev. Fathers and Brethren.—This Board held its last regular meeting in the lecture-room of the Reformed Church in Greencastle Pa., on the 6th instant.

The members present manifested a lively interest in the prosperity of this institution. The Treasurer presented his annual report to the Board, which was examined by comparing it with the vouchers and found to be correct, and is herewith presented as part of this report.

The Board respectfully directs the attention of Synod to two items in said report, the first of which is that the Rev. Drs. Apple and Higbee, by an arrangement of the Board of Visitors, filled the vacant professorship caused by the death of our beloved Dr. Harbaugh until the close of that year, for which they have not received any compensation. This important work caused them much additional labor, which was very cheerfully and ably performed. Having no authority to pay these brethren for this labor, we respectfully ask Synod to instruct us to compensate them for said services.

The other item to which we wish to call your attention is the condition of the Tutorship Fund.

Our Treasurer has the *bonds* of but eight Classes in his possession, and the interest on these is paid very irregularly. All the bonds given in aid of this fund should be in his hands and the interest paid promptly.

Within the last year our Treasurer has effected an Insurance for $6000 against loss by fire on our Professor's houses. This insurance being perpetual, the Board can realize the cost of it at any time they may wish to surrender the Policy, at a loss of but 5 per cent. on the amount paid for it.

Your Board would report, that they took legal counsel on the consolidation of the Theological Seminary Tutorship and Tercentenary funds, and are advised that the consolidation will not impair the funds, if their dividends and interest be not diverted from their proper use. We do, therefore, recommend said consolidation for the relief of the Treasurer.

On behalf of the Board,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit my Annual Report as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary from October 1, 1867, to October 1, 1868.

The income from the Seminary fund is in excess of last year, owing to the majority of the investments yielding over six per cent. The disbursements have not been so much as last year, as there was but one regular Professor from January to August 1, during which time, however, Drs. Higbee and Apple took the place of our beloved brother, Dr. H. Harbaugh, deceased. Your Treasurer had no authority to pay these brethren for this labor, but would call the attention of the Board to the fact. The expenses incurred by Dr. Gerhart's moving from Lancaster to Mercersburg amount to about $225, which leaves a balance in the Treasury of $102.28.

There were received $251, principal on Plainfield Bonds, which amount is in the treasury. There were also received from Lebanon Classis $43, Synodical apportionment, which the Treasurer is instructed by Synod to pay over to the Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College.

Your Treasurer must call the attention of the Board to the fact, that the interest due the Tutorship Fund is very much neglected. Last year the Treasurer overpaid $231.92 and this year $673.92. This ought not so to be, as the Tutor must have his regular salary. The Treasurer would also call the attention of the Board to the fact, that he has but eight of the Bonds given by the Classes, viz., Maryland,

Mercersburg, Zions, East Susquehanna, Philadelphia, East Pennsylvania, West Susquehanna, and Goshenhoppen.

The Tercentenary Fund has paid an interest in excess of last year. The amount of the Fund last year was $15,853.62. Interest received this year is $1188.58; with the balance in the Treasury, last year, of $385.20. Out of this amount $681.50 were paid on repairs to Seminary buildings, leaving the Fund $16,745.90.

The Theological Library Fund received $500 to its principal, and $109.04 interest from the Rev. J. O. Miller, on the Ex-Sheriff Duncan fund. And interest from the investment, $94.50, with $80.66 in the Treasury last year, making the Library Fund principal $1850 and $249.34 interest.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary from October* 1, 1867, *to October* 1, 1868.

October 1, 1868.	DR.		
To amt. interest received on Plainfield Bonds...			$216 00
" " " Kieffer fund.....		$ 570 00	
" " " Keller "		300 00	
" " " Cook "		83 30	
" Bank Dividends.....		1,260 20	
" Interest on Sundry Investments.....		325 00	
			2,538 50
October 1, 1868.	CR.		$2,754 50
By amt. paid Dr. E. E. Higbee.....		$1,500 00	
" Balance Extra Salary.....		125 00	
" paid Dr. E. V. Gerhart.....		250 00	
" Treasurer's Salary.....		100 00	
" Postage and Stationery.....		15 00	
" Klopp Legacy.....		40 00	
" Tax on Bank Stock.....		16 14	
" Assessment on Insurance.....		17 50	
" paid for Insurance on Professors' houses		180 00	
" " on Transfer and stamps for mortg'e		5 00	
" Survey and Policy.....		3 50	
" Dr. E. V. Gerhart's moving expenses..		225 00	
" due Treasurer from last year.....		175 08	
" in Treasury.....		102 28	
			2,754 50

PLAINFIELD BOND PRINCIPAL.

DR.

'eceived.....	$251 00

October 1, 1868. CR.

By amount in Treasury.....		$251 00

SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

DR.

To amount received from Lebanon Classis.....		$42 00

CR.

By amount in Treasury.....		42 00

THEOLOGICAL TUTORSHIP FUND.

DR.

To Amount Interest received.....	$458 00	
" " due Treasurer.....	673 92	
		$1,131 92

CR.

By amount paid Rev. J. B. Kershner.....	$900 00	
" " due Treasurer last year.....	231 92	
		$1,131 92

TERCENTENARY FUND.

DR.

To amount of fund last year.....	$15,853 62	
" " in Treasury last year.....	385 20	
" " Interests received.....	1,135 89	
" " difference in changing Investment.....	52 69	
		$17,427 40

CR.

By amount paid on repairs.....	$ 681 50	
" whole amount, balance.....	16,745 90	
		$17,427 40

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

DR.

To amount Interest received.....	$203 54	
" " in Treasury last year.....	80 66	
		$284 20

CR.

By amount paid F. W. Christern.....	$ 6 20	
" " " Dr. Phil. Schaff.....	14 78	
" " " " "	11 95	
" " " Prof. Kerschner.....	1 93	
" " in Treasury.....	249 34	
		$284 20

(*b*) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

The members of the Board, elected at the Synod of Baltimore, met and organized at that time. Dr. T. G. Apple, President; Dr. S. R. Fisher, Treasurer; and W. E. Krebs, Secretary.

During the year the Board held three special sessions in Mercersburg, one in November of last year, one in January and one in September, of the present year. The annual meeting was held in May last. These meetings were well attended by the members of the Board. The following is a list of the students in attendance upon the lectures in the Seminary during the year: T. Frank Hoffmeier, S. Schweitzer, J. B. Kieffer, C. B. Shulenberger, and H. W. Hoffmeier, constituting the Senior Class; E. O. Forney and J. F. Wiant constituting the Middle Class; and Tilghman Derr, A. H. Dotterer, A. C. Geary, C. S. Gerhard, Henri Grandlienard, S. K. Kremer, J. A. Novinger, Daniel Tobias, and Wm. W. Clouser constituting the Junior Class. These classes were carried through the different departments of Historical, Exegetical, Dogmatic and Practical Theology pertaining severally to each class by the respective Professors. The examinations, through which the students were carried at the close of the session, were thorough, and fully demonstrated that the teachers have been untiring in their arduous labors and the students faithful to their appointed course of study. The examinations were approved by the Board, and the Senior Class were granted certificates of honorable dismission and recommendation for licensure.

The Faculty report, that the students have been uniformly exemplary and diligent in their studies, and have manifested much zeal in advancing the interest of their theological course. They have beautifully refitted their reading room, and stocked it with additional Reviews and papers. A melodeon has been provided for the purposes of morning and evening worship, as also for the demands of the Seminary Chapel. Many trees have been planted in the campus, and in other ways the grounds around the building have, by the professors and students, been beautified.

The Seminary has labored under great disadvantage in view of the illness and death of one of its Professors, the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, of blessed memory. His painful sickness, commencing just at the close of vacation, made it impossible for him to deliver any lectures through any part of the Seminary year. In this state of affairs the Rev. Dr. Higbee increased the number of his hours of lecturing, which he continued throughout the year. Rev. Dr. Apple, President of Mercersburg College, was also called by the Board to the assistance of the Seminary, with whose timely and valuable aid all the regular departments of the Seminary were kept up during nearly the whole session.

The Board felt itself obligated to meet the expenses necessary to carry out this arrangement, and hereby respectfully asks Synod to devote the amount of Dr. Harbaugh's salary accruing since his death to the defraying of the expenses incurred by the Board in thus keeping up the teaching force of the Seminary. Inasmuch as these labors were sustained both by Drs. Higbee and Apple, and inasmuch as the services of the latter could not be procured without in some measure supplying his place in the College, the Board effected the following division of this fund, which is satisfactory to the parties concerned: the amount of $410 to Dr. Apple, $310 to Dr. Higbee and $155 to Mr. Kessler. Synod is respectfully asked to confirm this arrangement. The Board would take this opportunity to say, that this remuneration is comparatively meagre in view of the immense amount of labor thus imposed upon these brethren, which, however, was cheerfully borne on their part for the success of the institution.

In this connection the following action was also taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The labors of the professors in the Theological Seminary have become too onerous to be properly attended to by the number thus employed at present, and even when attended to as far as this is practicable, imposes burdens upon them which are too severe to be endured for any length of time without serious injury to their physical powers, and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable for the interests of the Church, that the teaching force in the Seminary be strengthened and made as efficient as possible, and the present seems to furnish as favorable an opportunity as may occur for some time to come, to secure the means necessary to provide the additional teaching force needed, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod be and is hereby urgently requested to carry into immediate effect the Tercentenary Professorship in the Seminary by electing a Professor at once, who shall occupy the chair of Exegesis and kindred branches, and that prompt measures be taken to increase the fund set apart for the founding of this Professorship, so as to provide a competent support for the Professor who shall occupy this chair.

Prof. J. B. Kershner was reëlected Tutor in the Seminary for another year on the same terms as in the year just closed. He has accepted the appointment and is now engaged in the duties of the position. The Board has not been able to nominate a travelling Tutor to Synod the present year.

The Board earnestly commend to Synod the subject of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of the late Dr. Harbaugh. His remains lie buried in the yard in front of the church in Mercersburg. but a short distance from the place where he lived and labored for the Church. The grave of one we honored and loved should not lie neglected by us, who enjoy the benefits of his well-spent life. A suitable stone, plain and neat, just such a one as he himself would no

doubt have desired, ought to mark the resting-place of the honored dead.

The attention of the Classis should be renewedly called to the subject of education of young men for the Holy Ministry. The Board has now under its care just as many beneficiaries as its funds will allow. Applications are still coming in, and it is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the Church, that none be refused and turned empty away. The contributions to this cause should, therefore, not only be continued, but largely increased. The annual report of the Treasurer is appended. Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Secretary.*

Synopsis of Treasurer's Report.

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

CR.

By balance in Treasury, Oct. 1867		$1,175 86
By cash received from Classis of	East Pennsylvania	559 31
"	Lebanon	320 81
"	Zions	286 45
"	Philadelphia	832 12
"	Maryland	108 00
"	Mercersburg	244 34
"	Goshenhoppen	448 55
"	Lancaster	8 40
"	East Susquehanna	334 64
"	West Susquehanna	114 00
"	West New York	2 72
"	Interest and Dividends	250 63
"	Miscellaneous	23 10
		$4,708 93

DR.

To amount paid beneficiaries of Classis of	East Pennsylvania	$701 00
	Lebanon	362 00
	Zions	200 00
	Philadelphia	809 00
	Mercersburg	550 00
	Goshenhoppen	543 50
	Lancaster	193 00
	East Susquehanna	185 00
	West Susquehanna	114 00
	Maryland	150 00
	Clarion	200 00
Balance in Treasury		701 43
		$4,708 93

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account, with the vouchers, &c., and find it correct.

J. HASSLER.

HAGERSTOWN, MD., Oct. 23d, 1868.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted their report, which was received and taken up item by item:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following report:

1. *The report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.*

We learn from this report, that the Board attended to the business claiming its attention.

They took legal advice in reference to the consolidation of the Theological Seminary, Tutorship and Tercentenary Funds, and are advised, that it will not impair the funds, if the dividends and interest be not diverted from their proper use. They, also, through their Treasurer, effected a perpetual insurance against loss by fire, on the Professors' houses, to the amount of $6000, which policy can be surrendered and the amount paid, refunded at any time, at a loss of five per cent. of the amount paid. They also call the attention of the Synod to the confused condition of the Tutorship Fund, and to the arrangement of the Board of Visitors to fill the Professorship, made vacant by the death of Rev. Dr. Harbaugh.

In view of the foregoing statement, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod consolidate the Seminary, Tutorship and Tercentenary Funds.

Resolved, That Synod request the several Classes to place their Tutorship Bonds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Seminary, and see that the interest on them be regularly paid.

Resolved, That Synod approve the action of the Board of Trustees in effecting an insurance against loss by fire on the Professors' houses.

2. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

From this report we learn, that the Board organized immediately after their election by the Synod at Baltimore. Besides the annual meeting in May last, they held three special meetings during the year to attend to such business as claimed attention. They attended the examinations in the Seminary, which were thorough and highly satisfactory, and reflected credit, both on the Professor and the students. The number of students attending the several classes during the year is eighteen. Their conduct has been uniformily exemplary. The Board requests Synod to appropriate that amount of Dr. Harbaugh's

salary, accruing from the time of his death to the end of the year, to defraying the expenses incurred in making temporary provision to fill his place. They also, call the attention of Synod to the fact, that the teaching force in the Seminary is not sufficient; and pray Synod to make immediate provision to supply the additional force needed. The Board have under its care just as many Beneficiaries as its funds will allow. It has also re-elected the Rev. J. B. Kershner, Tutor in the Seminary for another year. The Board has not yet been able to comply with the regulations of Synod in appointing a travelling Tutor. They also recommend the erection of a suitable monument over the remains of Dr. Harbaugh.

3. *The Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary.*

This report presents an encouraging aspect. The income of the Seminary fund is in excess of the year before, owing to a majority of the investments yielding over six per cent.

The disbursements have not been as great as during the previous year, owing to the vacancy occasioned by the much lamented death of the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh.

The Committee recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod approve the arrangements made by the Board of Visitors with the Rev. Drs. Apple and Higbee and Tutor Kershner, in temporarily supplying Dr. Harbaugh's place, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay respectively the several amounts apportioned by the Board, to the above named brethren.

Resolved, That Synod proceed at this meeting to elect a Professor for the Seminary, to occupy the chair of Exegesis and kindred branches; and that proper measures be immediately taken to complete the endowment of the Tercentenary Professorship.

Resolved, That Synod adopt measures to erect a suitable monument over the remains of the late Dr. Harbaugh, and that a Committee be appointed to take up a subscription among the Ministers, Elders and other friends of Dr. Harbaugh, on the floor of this Synod, and continue their efforts until a sufficient sum shall have been secured for this purpose.

Resolved, That Synod request the several Classes, earnestly to enjoin upon all their Pastors and Consistories, to take immediate measures to increase their contributions in aid of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HECKERMAN, *Chairman.*

The resolution in the above report, in relation to the election of an additional Professor in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, was made the order of the day, for ten o'clock on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions. At the time fixed upon, the resolution was taken up and fully discussed. It was amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That this Synod proceed to fill the Tercentenary Professorial chair, whose department shall be Exegesis and kindred subjects, and that immediate measures be taken to complete the Endowment Fund to the amount previously determined upon, and that the Professor elect enter upon his duties, as soon as the amount be secured.

The resolution as amended was adopted, and the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, as thus amended, adopted as a whole.

After the adoption of the resolution, relative to filling the Tercentenary Professorial chair, a member called for the *yeas* and *nays*. The President decided, that the call was out of order, under the rules of Synod, unless the member felt himself aggrieved by the decision. From this decision of the chair, an appeal was taken to the Synod. The decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote of *yeas* and *nays*:

YEAS.—J. C. J. Kurtz, John Beck, J. Laubach, B. Bausman, J. Klein, C. D. Zehring, D. W. Wolff, W. R. H. Deatrich, D. Gring, W. A. Wilt, J. Deitzler, J. Frownfelter, H. St. J. Rinker, J. C. Hensell, J. Snapp, P. Wise, E. R. Eschbach, G. L. Staley, J. Motter, J. T. Ankenny, H. H. W. Hibschman, D. E. Klopp, W. Sorber, D. Gans, T. Ingram, H. Heckerman, J. W. Love, G. H. Mengel, A. B. Wingerd, J. Bowman, J. F. Busche, S. Kuhn, W. A. Gring, W. H. Seibert, H. Stouffer, J. H. Apple, John Crick, G. B. Russell, C. M. Bousch, J. Fritzinger, D. Fry, C. H. Reiter, J. Knie. *Yeas*, 43.

NAYS.—M. A. Smith, I. K. Loos, S. Miller, E. Kieffer, D. Zacharias, J. S. Foulk, J. M. Titzel, G. S. Griffith, J. Dahlman, Jr., J. H. A. Bomberger, J. Schmidt, H. C. Hoover, G. W. Aughinbaugh, J. H. Dubbs, J. W. Nevin, E. V. Gerhart, D. W. Gross, J. G. Shoemaker, E. H. Dieffenbacher, D. S. Dieffenbacher, H. Hoffman, J. W. Steinmetz, G. C. Welker, J. W. Lescher, L. C. Edmonds, M. Brown, and J. K. Runkle. *Nays*, 27.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consist of one member from each Class is represented in Synod, to nominate one or more candidates to be voted for to fill the Tercentenary Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg.

Resolved, That the same Committee take into consideration the propriety of removing the Seminary to Lancaster.

The following persons were appointed the Committee called for in the foregoing resolutions:

Rev. John Beck, Benjamin Bausman, Ephraim Kieffer, H. St. John Rinker, G. Lewis Staley, David E. Klopp, P. Seibert Davis, J. Henry Dubbs, John F. Busche, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Joseph G. Shoemaker, George B. Russell, Henry Hoffman, Lewis C. Edmonds, John Knie, and Elders Joseph Lanbach, John Heilman, and Joshua Motter.

This Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee appointed to nominate one or more candidates to fill the Tercentenary Professorship in the Theological Seminary, fix the time for holding the election, and to consider the removal of the Theological Seminary to Lancaster, report as follows:

Your Committee have given the subjects referred to it the consideration which their importance demands, and unanimously nominate the following candidates, viz.: Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans and Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple.

They would also recommend that the election be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

In regard to the removal of the Theological Seminary to Lancaster, your committee recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the Theological Seminary be removed to Lancaster, Pa., and that $50,000 be raised within the bounds of this Synod, and paid to the Treasurer of the Seminary for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings for the use of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BECK, *Chairman.*

The election of a Professor assigned in the foregoing report to ten o'clock, on Thursday morning, was, when the hour arrived, postponed until the opening of the session in the afternoon at two o'clock. At the time appointed the election was held. After some time had been spent in religious exercises, the Rev. John Beck and George B. Russell, were appointed tellers, who lifted the ballots, counted them out, and furnished the President with the result. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, having received the highest number of votes, was declared to be elected. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, the election was made unanimous.

The officers of Synod were instructed to inform the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans of his election, and make out a call to him in the name of the Synod in the usual form, inserting the same amount of salary as is paid to the other Professor's in the Seminary.

In connection with the action of Synod on the portion of the foregoing report relating to the removal of the Theological Seminary, the following additional resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be instructed to put into the field immediately, a suitable agent to secure the $50,000 proposed to be raised for the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary consummate the above action, as soon as the necessary provisions can be made for the proper accommodation of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the sum of $50,000 has been obtained.

Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Jacob O. Miller, Benjamin Bausman,, and Elders Daniel W. Gross, John Heilman, Joseph Laubach, Edward J. Zahm, John Meily, and Michael Brown, were appointed

the Committee provided for in the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, to solicit funds for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, deceased.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.—Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, William Heyser, John Zeller, Samuel B. Snively, David B. Martin, David C. Hammond, Edward J. Zahm, and Jacob Heyser, of the former Board were retained. In the place of those omitted, D. M. B. Shannon, of Mercersburg, Pa., and John P. Hassler, of Carlisle, Pa., were elected.

Board of Visitors.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Jacob Hassler, Joseph W. Santee, Isaac G. Brown, Walter E. Krebs, William Goodrich, Amos H. Kremer, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Benjamin Bausman, Peter S. Davis, and Samuel N. Callender, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of the one omitted, the Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer was elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The chairman of the Committee continued by the last annual Synod, to examine the records of Synod, and ascertain which Professorship was intended to be regarded as the German Professorship, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Synods of York, 1866, to examine the records of previous Synods in regard to the Second or German Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, begs leave to report, that, having made several ineffectual attempts to secure a meeting of the Committee, he would respectfully ask that the Committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

The Treasurer of Synod asked for information, as to how he is to raise the funds necessary to meet the amount of the Professors' salaries beyond what is furnished by the proceeds from the old Seminary Funds. It was, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Theological Seminary endeavor to ascertain the amount of the deficiency which is to be provided for.

The providing for the deficiency in the proceeds of the Tutorship Fund, to pay the Tutor's salary, was also referred to the same Committee. This Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the items

relating to the old Endowment and Tutorship Funds were referred, beg leave to report the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, The proceeds of the old Endowment Fund of the Seminary together with those of Tutorship Fund, are insufficient to pay the salaries of the Professors and Tutor; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be and hereby are authorized to appoint a suitable agent to raise the amount needed to complete the Tercentenary Professorial Fund.

Resolved, That the said agent, after the amount needed for the purpose above named is secured, shall be authorized to raise by subscription, bonds or bequests, at least ten thousand dollars, to be added to the old Seminary Endowment, for the full support of the Professors, whose salaries the Synod has already fixed.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay the present deficit and what may occur hereafter, out of the interest of such monies as he shall find in his hands, until such time as the above Endowment shall be considered complete.

Resolved, That monies so used, shall be refunded out of such funds as the agent shall from time to time secure.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HECKERMAN, *Chairman*.

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be instructed to inform the several Classes indebted on account of the Theological Tutorship Fund, of the amount of that indebtedness.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication addressed to the President of the last Synod, from the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, in which he announced his acceptance of the Professorship of Didactic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., to which he had been elected by the Synod which met in special session at Harrisburg, Pa., in the month of March last.

Agreeably to the resolution adopted by the Synod which met in special session at Harrisburg Pa., arrangements were made for the inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Gerhart, which took place on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions. The exercises connected with the inauguration were conducted in the following order:

1. Invocation by the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D.
2. Hymn by the Rev. Samuel N. Callender.
3. Address by the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D.
4. Prayer by the Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D.
5. Reading of the Scriptures by the Rev. Samuel N. Callender.
6. Administering the oath of office to the Professor by the Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D.
7. Inaugurating Prayer by the Rev. Samuel N. Callender.

ugural address by the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.

ARTICLE XIV
MISSIONS.

The following statement from the late Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, accompanied with a statement from the Treasurer of the Board, was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Hagerstown, Maryland:

BRETHREN—By special request of the Executive Committee to report to your reverend body on the state of Missions (although I have resigned my position as Corresponding Secretary, but by no means my deep interest in the work), I cheerfully comply by submitting the following:

I am not aware, that the number of our Missions or Missionaries has diminished during the past year. Nor are there indications, that the work as a whole is not progressing. If not progressing in extending, yet in strengthening that which has been partly cultivated. The reason why our field has not been enlarged as well as strengthened, is because the Board has come to *a financial crisis.* The income during the year proved insufficient to meet the obligations of the Board. Under such circumstances it would have been worse than folly to take up new territory or to commission more laborers. All the efforts put forth by your humble servant and others to secure an increase of funds have proved unsuccessful. The Board is indebted to its worthy Treasurer, and a number of orders in favor of Missionaries remain unpaid.

The question may arise, Is the Church becoming more contracted in her charities, instead of becoming more liberal? We believe not. This is evident from the fact, that she is doing more, in a general way, than she has been doing previously. But it flows into different channels. The reason of this can be stated in a few words: there seems to be a lack of confidence in the minds of many, justly or unjustly, in the head of the Board. This fact has been a great hindrance in our way, as Corresponding Secretary, in securing funds. The collecting of funds has been a continual struggle against the current. To be in the position of your humble servant, under existing circumstances, is not simply unpleasant and disheartening, but vexatious in the extreme. Nothing could have induced me to labor as I did but love for the cause. We cannot enter here upon particulars. It would involve us in a position that is by no means desirable. We feel it our duty, however, to give this statement to Synod, and feel perfectly justifiable in doing so. The cause of missions is too important to be languishing; the responsibility too fearful to withhold anything which is retarding its progress.

There is also a great defect, it seems to me, in the organization of our missions. Many of our missions could soon be made self-sustain-

ing if the missionaries would not confine themselves to one or two weak points, but enlarge their fields by seeking and uniting more points, which could easily be served until a proper time for division comes. Newly organized missions ought to be satisfied with less of the missionary's time, until they are in a proper position to demand more. Thus our missionary fathers labored in the planting of the Church, and others in later years who were very successful in building up a number of self-sustaining charges. It is not sufficient to have simply "an eye" on certain points, but to be effectual, all fostering care and attention must be given to such points. In many instances, by persuing this course, missionaries would realize more of a home-support and to this extent relieve the Board.

All doubtful missions ought to be abandoned. A field which has had the fostering care of the Church for a period of five or six years, ought to give the very best reasons for being sustained any longer. All such missions ought to be inspected by a proper person, reported by him to Synod, and through the Synod recommended or rejected, for future support. To sustain doubtful fields is but a waste of time on the part of the missionary, as also money on the part of the Church.

What is the present condition of our finances? As stated in part above, we have come to a crisis. We are indebted to the Treasurer $600. Besides this, there are unpaid orders in his hands amounting to $3736. The missionary toiling and subsisting, in many instances, upon a mere pittance, must suffer for the want of means, which the Church holds so largely in her possession as a talent committed to her care wherewith to serve the Lord.

Is the Church willing to abandon her work? Shall that which has been accomplished amidst tears, prayers, and self-sacrifice go to ruin? Are we ready to turn the cold shoulder to our young and helpless congregations, sons and daughters of our Church? Is the Church under no obligations to such, whom she has received into her bosom through holy baptism, confirmed and made partakers of the mysteries of our holy religion? Can our services in our beautiful and comfortable churches be pleasing in the sight of the Most High, whilst thousands of members are suffered to remain without shelter and the means of grace? Shall such as are gathered and rejoice in the blessed privileges of the sanctuary, be abandoned for the want of means, which the Lord has so abundantly placed into our hands, and we are but His stewards?

If there are conscientious scruples in the minds of some or many, which prevented them from doing what they would otherwise have done, on account of the unfortunate difficulties in the Church, then I would say, it is more honorable and Christian to remove them than to permit the cause to suffer, in a general way, and above all those who are entitled to their regular pay.

It is apparent from past experience, that our missionary operations require a different organization. The extent of the field is too great to be superintended by an Executive Committee. As the Board is

constituted, in ordinary circumstances, it will meet but once every third year. The Church is thus deprived, unless voluntarily furnished in some form, of the necessary information with reference to its doings and the progress of the general work. Thus indifference is engendered throughout the Church. Pressure and progress in the mission work are both incentives to action. If they are brought before the Church, through proper sources, they will produce a happy effect. In view of all these considerations, it seems to me a different plan of operation from the present should be adopted.

To meet the necessities of the case *now* pressing upon the attention of the Church and which cannot be delayed until the next General Synod, we would beg leave to suggest to this Synod something like the following plan, viz:

Let this Synod appoint a Missionary Superintendent, together with an Advisory Board, say of four members, who shall attend to the mission work, and provide for its wants in all respects requiring supervision, within the bounds of this Synod, and report annually to this body, so that the results of their work may be sent up to the General Synod through their Board. The person appointed to this position should be able to speak English and German, of such domestic relations that the greater part of his time could be exclusively devoted in going to and fro through the Church, inspecting missions, etc., keeping the Church well informed through her organs of the wants and future prospects of the missions; and above all is it advisable to have a man in this position, who has not taken an active part in the controversy now agitating the Church.

May He who is ever present with His Church direct you in your deliberations to the glory of His name and to the advancement of His kingdom! Respectfully submitted,

L. D. LEBERMAN.

N. B.—Subjoined you will find the "Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions."

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions respectfully reports the receipts from all sources from Oct. 16, 1867, to Oct. 16, 1868, the sum of ten thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents ($10.728.36). Amount paid out during the same period, eleven thousand three hundred and four dollars and sixty cents ($11.304.60); balance due the treasurer $576.24, and orders on hand upaid $3,371 70, together $3.947.94.

There is a balance unredeemed of the pledges to Virginia and North Carolina of $175.14 at the Synod of York, October, 1866. The annexed statement will exhibit the sources of the contributions of three Synods and twenty-six Classes. Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SANTEE,

Treasurer B. H. M., 239 N. Third St., Philada.

October 15, 1868.

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod German Reformed Church.*

Receipts from Oct. 16, 1867, to Oct. 16, 1868.

Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod	$2,096 92
" East Pennsylvania	1,698 54
" East Susquehanna	945 18
" Goshenhoppen	830 36
" Maryland	551 98
" West Susquehanna	483 36
" Lebanon	475 96
" Zion	470 77
" Lancaster	317 30
" Mercersburg	229 16
" Western N. Y	61 75
" New York	30 00
" Virginia	10 00
" Miscellaneous	929 00
	$9,130 28
Classis of Miami, Synod of Ohio	$388 45
" Lancaster	358 16
" St. John's	177 00
" Iowa	96 45
" Tiffin	85 65
" Illinois	10 50
" Westmoreland	5 00
	$1,121 21
Classis of St. Joseph, North Western Synod	$170 55
" Erie	131 50
" Indiana	69 86
" Heidelberg	70 56
" Minnesota	17 90
" Sheboygan	16 50
	$476 87

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States	$9,130 28
From Synod of Ohio and adjacent States	1,121 21
" North Western Synod	476 87
	$10,728 36
Less principal of N. P. R. R. bond	870 00
	$9,858 36

Receipts from Oct. 16, '65, to Nov. 25, '66.....	$13,793 54	
" Nov. 25, '66, to Oct. 16, '67.....	11,691 44	
" Oct. 16, '67, to Oct. 16, '68.....	9,858 36	

The following statement was received from the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

Statement of amounts contributed by the various Classes for Church Extension Fund, from October 19, 1867, *to October* 19, 1868.

From the Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod.....		$4,633 03
"	Mercersburg.....	592 75
"	Zions.....	562 33
"	East Pennsylvania.....	1,197 57
"	Lebanon.....	1,146 70
"	Lancaster.....	330 02
"	Goshenhoppen.....	274 65
"	West Susquehanna.....	50 00
"	East Susquehanna.....	129 00
"	Maryland.....	548 22
"	St. Paul's.....	30 00
"	Clarion.....	
"	New York.....	98 25
"	West New York.....	5 00
"	Virginia.....	32 00
"	North Carolina.....	
Amount received from the Eastern Synod.....		$9,629 52
From the Classis of Iowa, Western Synod.....		$166 60
"	Westmoreland, Western Synod.....	300 00
"	St. John's, do	26 00
"	Miami, do	174 50
"	Illinois, do	9 42
Amount received from the Western Synod.....		$676 52
Received from an unknown friend.....		$ 5 00
Amount received from the Eastern Synod.....		9,629 52
" " Western Synod.....		676 52
" received for interest.....		152 37
Total amount received.....		$10,463 41

Account of the Moneys Paid Out.

Amt. due Treasurer as per last year's report, Oct. 19, '67	$2,037 08
Winchester Reformed Church, Rev. M. L. Shufford.....	185 85
Tipton, Iowa, do do do J. Riale.....	100 00
Williamsport, Pa., Reformed Church, Dan'l Keefer.....	85 77
Cumberland and Mt. Savage Ref. Church, Rev. A. Wanner	560 12
Egg Harbor City Ref. Church, Rev. H. Losch and Rev. J. Dalhman, Jr., ...	1,282 05
Spring Valley, Iowa, Ref. Church, Rev. F. C. Bauman...	305 60
Shelbyville, Ill., Ref. Church, D. M. Livers and Rev. O. E. Lake.....	108 72
Mahanoy City, Pa., Ref. Church, Rev. L. K. Derr.....	285 89
Forreston, Ill, do John Zollinger...	25 00
Minersville, Pa., do Rev. J. B. Poerner.....	18 75
Emanuel's Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. J. Voegelin....	428 10
St. John's do Philadelphia, Rev. A. G. Dole and E. Poulson.....	191 00
Chicago Ref. Church, Rev. F. Künzler.....	1,000 00
London, Pa., Ref. Church, Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher.....	18 15
Boiling Spring, Pa., Ref. Church, Rev. W. C. Bennet....	20 00
St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Rev. A. Romich.....	102 73
Fifth Ref. Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. M. Bachman...	110 00
Cleveland Ref. Church, Rev. E. Benzing.....	100 00
Allentown, Pa., Ref. Church, J. A. Blumer.....	250 00
Washington, D. C., Ref. Church, Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus and G. S. Wagner.....	1,113 45
Woodstock, Va., Ref. Church, Rev. Geo. H. Martin.....	991 82
Milton, Pa., do do S. H. Reid.....	100 00
Bradon, Iowa, do do D. S. Fouse.....	371 00
Columbia, Pa., do do James A. Schultz...	13 00
Huntington, Ind., do do J. G. Noss.....	52 00
New Berlin, Pa, do Wm. Roshong, Esq.,.....	93 21
Commission, do Rev. F. W. Dechant.....	6 97
Hamilton, Ohio, do Jesse Oberly and Rev. G. Z. Mechling.....	418 00
Apple Creek, Ohio, Ref. Church, Rev. J. H. Derr.....	100 00
St. John's Mission School, Reading, Pa.,.....	450 00
St. Paul's do do	30 00
Emanuel's do do	100 00
Lebanon, Ohio, Ref. Church, Rev. C. Cast.....	257 00
Shamokin, Pa., do Daniel Yost.....	25 00
Doylestown, Pa., do Rev. W. R. Yearick,.....	100 00
Selinsgrove, do do Jacob Wiest.....	100 00
Edinburg, Va., do Rev. H. Shaull.....	60 00
Carried forward	$11,596 26

Amount brought forward	$11,596 26
Reformed Church near Howard's Grove, Wis., Rev. H. Muhlmerer	10 00
Trumbaursville, Pa., Ref. Church, W. L. Graver	100 00
Total amount	$11,706 26
Less amount received	10,463 41
Balance due the Treasurer	$1,242 85

JOHN WIEST,
Treasurer Church Ex. Fund.

As reported by the Committee on Overtures, a communication was received from the Rev. Herman Bokum, calling attention to the interests of the Reformed Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was referred to the Committee on Missions.

On the evening of the sixth day of the sessions, the President of the Board of Missions asked the Synod to return the paper received from the late Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Mission to the author, inasmuch as it had not been before the Executive Committee of the Board, and did not receive its official sanction. The request was granted. At the opening of the succeeding morning session, however, the action granting this request was reconsidered, and the request laid on the table by the following vote of *yeas* and *nays:*

YEAS.—M. A. Smith, John Beck, J. Laubach, B. Bausman, S. Miller, J. Klein, J. Heilman, C. D. Zehring, D. W. Wolff, W. R. H. Deatrich, D. Gring, W. A. Wilt, J. Ditzler, J. Frownfelter, H. St. John Rinker, J. C. Hensell, J. Snapp P. Wise, J. S. Foulk, G. L. Staley, J. Motter, J. T. Ankenny, D. Gans, H. C. Hoover, H. Heckerman, P. S. Davis, T. G. Apple, G. H. Mengel, A. B. Wingerd, J. Bowman, J. H. Dubbs, J. F. Busche, S. Kuhn, E. V. Gerhart, W. A. Gring, D. W. Gross, W. H. Seibert, H. Stouffer, J. G. Shoemaker, J. Crick, G. B. Russell, E. H. Dieffenbacher, D. D. Leberman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. M. Bousch, J. Fritzinger, H. Hoffman, D. Fry, L. C. Edmonds, and C. H. Reiter. *Yeas* 50.

NAYS.—J. C. J. Kurtz, I. K. Loos, E. R. Eschbach, J. M. Titzel, G. S. Griffith, H. H. W. Hibschman, D. E. Klopp, J. Dahlman, Jr., J. H. A. Bomberger, J. Schmidt, T. Ingram, J. W. Love, G. W. Aughinbaugh, J. W. Nevin, J. H. Apple, J. W. Steinmetz, G. C. Welker, J. W. Lescher, M. Brown, J. K. Runkle, John Knie. *Nays* 21.

NON-LIQUET.—E. Kieffer.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the several documents before named were referred, submit the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

1. A report from the late Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.
2. A report from the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.
3. A report from the Treasurer of Church Extension.
4. A letter from the Rev. Herman Bokum, directing attention to the city of Knoxville, Tenn., and urging the claims of a number of Swiss families to the fostering care of our Missionary Board.

Your committee regret to learn from the documents referred to them, that the operations of the Board have been very much embarrassed during the past year for want of the necessary funds. While the Missions and Missionaries under their care have been retained under circumstances, which must have interferred with their prosperity and energetic working on the one hand, nothing could be done on the other, in the way of taking up new territory, and responding to the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," which comes to us from so many quarters. To meet the obligations of the Board to those already commissioned required all the moneys remitted to the Treasurer. And even these did not suffice; for there is a balance reported of $576 24 due the Treasurer, and orders on hand unpaid to the amount of $3,371.70. We have here a deficiency of $3,947.94.

Whatever may be the reason assigned for refusing to come up to the help of the Lord and his treasury, so that his servants may be encouraged and sustained in their self-denying and holy work, we are all verily guilty in His sight, who seeth not as man seeth. No one will be able to shield himself before the judgment bar, for neglecting to contribute of his means for the gathering in of the destitute and famishing, who are wandering as sheep without a shepherd. Not in our Synod only has there been a lamentable falling off in the receipts, but also in the synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and in the Northwestern Synod. The whole amount received during the year is $9,858.36, of which the two Synods in the West have forwarded less than one-sixth $1,598.08. While in the East, we may endeavor to account for the diminution in the receipts, which are nearly $2000 less than last year, and nearly $4000 less than the previous year, by assigning certain reasons, how is it in the West? They, it is to be presumed, would seek to justify themselves on other and different grounds, notwithstanding the fact, that a large portion of the Missions receiving aid from the Board lie in their territory. The true reason, we think, is to be found in the want of a Missionary and self-denying spirit. We need to be imbued more largely with the spirit of Him, who "for us men and our salvation" became poor. We need to be made more deeply sensible of our obligations to Christ, for the innu-

merable benefits He has vouchsafed to us; and then we will not "shut up our bowels of compassion" from those of our own household of faith, who are "perishing for lack of knowledge." No such excuses as are now offered, will be regarded as valid by the Lord of the vineyard. When we consider our resources, it is truly humiliating to hear of the deficiency reported to us. We should cover our faces with shame, and lie down in the dust to hear, that there should be any decrease in the liberality of our membership toward this good cause,—a cause which, more than any other, ought to commend itself to every one, who has a heart to feel for those, who, in their destitution, appeal to us for some of the crumbs which fall from our table.

We have now reached a point, when every Pastor should feel it to be his solemn duty to devise ways and means for meeting the deficiency of $3,947.94, and replenishing an exhausted Treasury. Unless this be done at once, and with proper earnestness, many of the Missionaries will have to be recalled, and the work they have accomplished prove a total failure. Indeed, had it not been for the kindness of the Treasurer, and the deep interest he feels in the cause, the Board could not have retained its hold upon all the Missions now under its care. This state of things has continued too long already, and it is high time, that we should awake to our plain and imperative duty, and throw off the reproach, which our heartless indifference or self-justifying neglect has brought upon us. Verily, the Lord will not hold us guiltless, if, seeing our brother have need, we close our hearts to every generous impulse, and our hands against every liberal contribution to this blessed cause, upon which the extension of our Reformed Zion and the salvation of souls are made to depend more than upon any other. We cannot afford, as a denomination, to diminish our efforts, or grow languid in our zeal for the cause of Missions. Nothing should be suffered—no obstacle of any kind should be allowed to cramp our energies or cripple us in carrying forward a work, which is emphatically *the* work of the Reformed Church. What is needed, is immediate relief, as many, if not all the Missionaries have received nothing on their appropriations since last May, and as a consequence must be greatly discouraged and in a suffering condition.

To meet the necessities of the case your Committee would suggest the following:

Resolved, That the cause of Missions be commended to the sympathies, prayers and liberality of all our members.

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon all the Pastors of this Synod to take up special collections between now and Christmas, except where the systematic plan has been introduced, for the relief of a Treasury, which is more than exhausted, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to call their attention to this injunction.

Resolved, That in view of the resignation and retirement of the Corresponding Secretary, the several Classes be earnestly requested to appoint Superintendents or Committees on Missions, so that the

pecuniary resources of the Board, more especially, may be increased, and our Missions, now struggling with difficulties, and disheartened by the apathy manifested by the Church East and West, be enabled to thank God and take courage

In reference to the letter of Rev. Herman Bokum, the Committee would suggest the following:

Resolved, That the claims of the congregation in Knoxville, Tenn., be commended to the Board of Home Missions, to do as in their judgment may be deemed best.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No documents on this subject have been placed in our hands.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Treasurer, in his report, which is all your Committee have had referred to them, states that $10,463.41 have been received from all sources during the year. The amount paid out during the same time was $11,706.26, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $1,242.85.

In reference to the whole subject brought to your notice in this report, the Committee would suggest the rëadoption of the resolution passed at the Synod in Baltimore:

Resolved, That our people be again solemnly urged to introduce the Apostolic plan of benevolence, and increase their contributions to the cause of Home Mission and Church Extension, and thus promote the efforts of the Board to meet the wants of our constantly widening Mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK,
SAMUEL KUHN,
J. G. SHOEMAKER,
D. S. DIEFFENBACHER,
G. S. GRIFFITH,
Committee.

One hour at the opening of the evening session of the fifth day of the sessions was devoted to Missionary exercises. These were conducted in the following order: After singing and prayer, the statement furnished by the late Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions was called for and read. This was followed by an address from the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, President of the Board of Missions. In the same connection, the Rev. Theodore P. Bucher, corresponding delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States, very appropriately took his leave of Synod in an address, which partook more or less of of a Missionary character.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted the following report which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Board of Trustees of Synod report,

That they have audited the account of the Treasurer of Synod and found it correct. The Board consists of the following members:

R. F. Kelker,	whose term	will expire	January 1,		1869.
Rev. Geo. Wolff,	"	"	"	"	1870.
E. J. Zahm,	"	"	"	"	1871.
Geo H. Small,	"	"	"	"	1872.
Rev. C. H. Leinbach,	"	"	"	"	1873.

At the end of this year, the term of R. F. Kelker will expire, and accordingly the Board proposes the names of Elders Henry Wirt, of Hanover, and Geo. Z. Kunkel, of Harrisburg, as suitable candidates for the vacant office. For full information in regard to the financial affairs of Synod, you are respectfully referred to the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Synod has received information, that the $65 00 of Clarion Classis, supposed to have been lost, were recovered by the Treasurer of said Classis from the Post Office Department.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. LEINBACH, *President.*

Harrisburg, Pa., October 19, 1868.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod and referred to the Committee on Finance.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Synod.*

1867.	DR.	
October 10.	To balance on hand, as reported to the Synod at Baltimore	$75 10
"	Cash received from various sources as follows:—	
25.	From East Susquehanna Classis on Contingent Fund, per D. Eschbach, Treasurer	75 00
26.	" Lebanon Classis on Contingent Fund, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer	11 00
28.	" St. Paul Classis on Contingent Fund, D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer, per Rev. W. H. H. Snyder	75 00
	Carried over	$236 10

1867.		Amount brought forward		$236 10
October 30.	From	West Susquehanna Classis on Contingent Fund, per Rev. W. M. Riley		9 00
1868.				
January 14.	"	West Susquehanna Classis on Contingent Fund, per Rev. D. G. Klein, Treasurer		101 50
February 27.	"	Loan made from First National Bank of Harrisburg, to pay J. B. Rodgers, for printing Minutes of Synod for 1867 and Pastoral Letter		830 35
March 2.	"	Lebanon Classis on Contingent Fund, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer		7 08
19.	"	Lebanon Classis, balance on Contingent Fund, for 1866, per F. W. Kremer, Treas.		13 42
April 11.	"	Lancaster Classis, per Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, received by him from Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer, on account of Contingent Fund		47 13
17.	"	J. Allison Eyster, Esq., a draft of National Bank at Chambersburg, on Mechanics' Bank of Harrisburg, for $285.00, to pay Interest to April 6, 1868, on mortgage due by W. Heyser, deceased	$135 00	
		Interest to April 10, 1868, on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser, Esq	150 00	
				285 00
18.	"	Coupons on $1000 bond and two $100 bonds, five per cent. "Cook legacy" in all $35, due March 1, 1868, sold for currency for		48 05
May 5.	"	North Carolina Classis, per Rev. G. W. Welker, Treasurer on Contingent Fund		5 00
20.	"	Lancaster Classis, on Contingent Fund, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer		38 70
21.	"	Goshenhoppen Classis, quota due Contingent Fund, per J. H. Dubbs, Treasurer		110 00
"	"	Lebanon Classis, quota due Contingent Fund, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer.		110 00
23.	"	Mercersburg Classis, quota of Contingent Fund, per Rev. J. Hassler, Treasurer		110 00
"	"	Virginia Classis, quota Contingent Fund, per Rev. H. St. J. Rinker, Treasurer		5 00
June 8.	"	Zions Classis, quota Contingent Fund, per W. A. Wilt, Treasurer		110 00
12.	"	Maryland Classis, balance on Contingent Fund, per Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer		115 40
July 25.	"	East Susquehanna Classis, on Contingent Fund, per D. Eschbach, Treasurer		145 00
September 23.	"	New York Classis, quota Contingent Fund, per Rev. J. F. Busche, received by him from G. Bachman, Treasurer		15 00
October 13.	"	Wm. Heyser, his own check for $285.00 to pay interest to October 6, 1868, on mortgage due by W. Heyser, deceased	$135 00	
		Interest to October 10, 1868, on mortgage due by J. Heyser, Esq	150 00	
				285 00
15.	"	Coupon on $1000 bond, five per cent. "Cook legacy," due September 1, 1868, sold for currency		34 00
		Carried forward		$2,660 73

1868.		Amount brought forward		$2,660 73
October 15.	To	Coupons January and July interest on $100 U. S. 5-20 bond, the donation from Middletown Charge, Md., $6 sold for currency		8 16
16.	"	Proceeds of loan of $200, this day made of First National Bank Harrisburg, at 60 days net amount		197 76
"	"	Proceeds of the sale of the three U. S. 7-30 notes of $100 each, the "Gerhart donation," numbered 285090, B 1, No. 285091 C 1, and No. 285092 D 1, held in trust severally for the Boards of Foreign Missions, Domestic Mission and of Education, which notes were dated July 15, 1865, and matured July 15, 1868, now sold and reinvested in gold interest bearing U. S. 5-20 bonds, sold to First National Bank of Harrisburg, for three hundred and twenty-one dollars and ninety cents		321 90
17	"	St. Paul's Classis, per D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer, balance due on Contingent Fund		35 00
				$3,223 55

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By disbursements made, as follows:—

1867.				
October	23.	To Rev. L. D. Leberman, expenses of removal to Reading, per resolution of Synod, page 53, 1867		$157 00
1868.				
February	27.	" J. B. Rodgers, printing Synod's Minutes and Pastoral Letter of 1867		330 35
"	"	First National Bank of Harrisburg, for Discount and United States stamps on note given and for premium for draft on Philadelphia, to pay bill of J. B. Rodgers		19 86
April	20.	" A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary for interest received on Kieffer legacy	$285 00	
		Interest received on Cook legacy	48 05	
				333 05
June	8.	" First National Bank on account of loan of February 27, 1868		725 00
	15.	" First National Bank Harrisburg for balance due on loan of February 27, 1868		105 35
July	27.	" Dr. Philip Schaff, for books purchased for Theological Seminary. See Synod's Minutes 1866, page 42, and resolution of Synod per Minutes of 1867, page 38. Principal	$300 00	
		Interest from October 1866, to July 1868.	31 50	
				331 50
October	8.	" R. F. Kelker, sundry expenses, incident to the transfer of mortgage of Wm. Heyser to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, by said A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer, to R. F. Kelker, Treasurer, as ordered by the Synods of 1864 and 1867		2 46
		Carried over		$3,504 57

1868.		Amount brought forward		$2,504 57
October 15.		To A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, for interest received from the Heysers on acct. of Kieffer's legacy	$285 00	
		Interest received from sale of coupon for part of Cook legacy	34 00	
				319 00
	16 "	First National Bank of Harrisburg for three U. S. 5-20 bonds, the reinvestment of the "*Gerhart donation,*" three hundred and thirty dollars, viz: One bond of $100 for use of Board of Domestic Missions, with accrued interest from July 1, 1868, numbered 145557 C, dated July 1, 1865	$110 00	
		One bond of $100, No. 145559 C, dated July 1, 1865, with accrued interest from July 1, 1868, for use of the Board of Foreign Missions	110 00	
		One bond of $100, No. 37839 D, dated July 1, 1867, with accrued interest from July 1, 1868, for use of the Board of Education	110 00	
				330 00
	16 "	Charles Santee, Treasurer Domestic Missions, interest on "Gerhart donation."		7 30
	" "	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer Education Board, interest on "Gerhart donation."		7 30
	" "	R. F. Kelker, Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions, interest on "Gerhart donation."		7 30
1868 October	19. "	Balance remaining on hand		48 08
				$3,223 55

We the undersigned, a Committee appointed to audit the account of R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of Synod, do hereby certify, that we have examined the said account, and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of said Treasurer of forty-eight dollars and eight cents deposited in the First National Bank of Harrisburg.

G. H. SMALL,
EDWARD J. ZAHM.
Committee of Trustees of Synod.

Harrisburg, October 19th 1868.

Statement of Claims presented to Treasurer, but remaining unpaid October 19, 1868, *for want of Funds.*

Loan from First National Bank, Harrisburg	$200 00	
Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., expenses as delegate to Synod of Reformed Dutch Church, Hudson, N. Y.	20 00	
Rev. M. Bachman, German Clerk of Synod	50 00	
Rev. Dr. Fisher, Stated Clerk of Synod and incidental expenses	120 80	
		$390 80

Amount remaining due and unpaid by several Classes, viz:

East Pennsylvania	$110 00	
Philadelphia	104 00	
West New York	20 00	
Lancaster	93 35	
West Susquehanna	153 25	
Clarion	40 00	
		$520 60

Investments held for Synod by R. F. Kelker, Treasurer, on the 19th day of October, 1868.

"*Cook Legacy,*" consisting of one U. S. 10–40, 5 per cent. coupon bond, dated March 1, 1864, No. 5130, for.....	$1,000 00	
and two U. S. 10–40, 5 per cent. coupon bonds dated March 1, 1864, first series, No. 18790 and 18791 for $100 each.....	200 00	
		$1,200 00
"*Kieffer Legacy,*" consisting of Jacob Heyser to Wm. Heyser, Treasurer of Synod, for $5000, dated April 10, 1864, secured by mortgage.....	$5,000 00	
Also, a mortgage given by William Heyser (now deceased) to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, dated January 28, 1863, payable April 6, 1864, and transferred to R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of Synod, September 12, 1868, for.....	4,500 00	
		9,500 00
Certificate No. 6 for 24 shares Hagerstown Bank stock.....		480 00
"*Gerhart Donation,*" consisting of		
One U. S. 5–20 bond, dated July 1, 1865, No. 145557 C, in trust for Board of For. Missions	100 00	
One do do No. 145559 C, in trust for Board of For. Missions	100 00	
One do do 1867, No. 37839 D, in trust for Board of Education....	100 00	
		300 00
"Maryland Classis Donation" towards founding a Synodical Fund, one U. S. 5–20 coupon bond, dated July 1, 1867, No. 73070.....		100 00
		$11,580 00

Also, a certain bond [secured by mortgage], given by Second Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., dated September 28, 1861, conditioned for payment of $2,908.74 with interest from date to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in case said congregation *"should cease to remain in connection with said Synod."*

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

Reverend Brethren:—The above, which is a true statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of your Treasurer during the past Synodical year, as also, of the amount of obligation due by Synod, the amounts due by delinquent Classes, and of the Invested Funds now held by him, is hereby respectfully submitted.

By the provisions of our charter, his connection with the Board of Trustees and with Synod as Treasurer, will cease with the close of the present year 1868. Soon after assuming the duties of Treasurer in January, 1864, he gave to the Trustees as required by Synod, a bond for the faithful discharge of the same, in the sum of Ten thousand dollars, with two approved sureties. He would now ask, that the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to return said bond to him at the close of his term. He would avail himself of this opportunity gratefully to acknowledge the past kindness shown, and the confidence reposed in him, in so often reëlecting him to the position he now occupies.

May God direct your Reverend body in all your deliberations, so that peace and prosperity may prevail in our Reformed Zion on every hand, and the labors of our Ministry be abundantly blessed to the conversion of immortal souls.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

Harrisburg, October 19, 1868.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report as follows:

Two documents were referred to your Committee, the report of the Board of Trustees and the report of the Treasurer of Synod.

From the report of the Board of Trustees your Committee learn, that the term for which R. F. Kelker was elected a member of the Board, will expire on the 1st of January, 1869. As suitable candidates for the position that will then become vacant, the Board propose the names of Elder Henry Wirt, of Hanover, and George Z Kunkel, of Harrisburg, Pa. Your Committe recommend that the Synod proceed at once to elect the successor of R. F. Kelker.

From the report of the Treasurer of Synod, your Committee learn, that the receipts of the past year amounted to $3,223.55, and the disbursements for the same year amounted to $3,175.47, leaving in the Treasurer's hands a balance of $48.08. The liabilities of the Board amount to $390.80. From delinquent Classes there is due the sum of $520.60.

The following Classes are reported as having failed to pay their assessments in full:

East Pennsylvania Classis $110; Philadelphia Classis $104; Lancaster Classis $93.35; West New York Classis $20; West Susquehanna Classis $153.25; Clarion Classis $40.

The expenditures of Synod for the current year are estimated at $1,700.

To defray these expenditures there is a balance in the Treasury of.....	$48 08	
Due from delinquent Classes after paying all liabilities..... .. .	129 80	
		$177 88
Balance to be provided for.....		$1,522 12

This amount your Committee have apportioned among the several Classes as follows:

		New.	*Old.*	*Total.*
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$150 00	$110 00	$260 00
Lebanon	"	150 00		150 00
Zion	"	150 00		150 00
Maryland	"	150 00		150 00
Philadelphia	"	150 00	104 00	254 00
Mercersburg	"	150 00		150 00
Carried forward		$900 00	$214 00	$11,114 00

		New.	Old.	Total.
Brought over		$900 00	$214 00	$11,114 00
Goshenhoppen	Classes	150 00		150 00
Lancaster	"	100 00	93 35	193 30
East Susquehanna	"	130 00		130 00
West Susquehanna	"	90 00	153 25	243 25
Clarion	"	50 00	40 00	90 00
St. Paul's	"	60 00		60 00
New York	"	20 00		20 00
West New York	"	25 00	20 00	45 00
Virginia	"	10 00		10 00
North Carolina	"	10 00		10 00
		$1,545 00	$520 60	$2,065 60

Your Committee recommend, that the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 2000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod—1400 in the English, and 600 in the German language.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH,
J. F. BUSCHE,
D. E. KLOPP,
PETER WISE,
Committee.

Immediately after the adoption of the above report, an election was held for a Trustee of Synod, which resulted in the choice of Henry Wirt, Esq., of Hanover, Pa.

Henry Wirt, Esq. was thereupon, also elected Treasurer of Synod.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following bills:

Expenses of the Rev. Walter E. Krebs, as delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States, $34 00.

Expenses of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, $20 00.

A committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., and Elder Michael Brown, to collect an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of the Synod, to remunerate the Sexton for his services, and pay other contingent expenses of the present Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to collect assessment levied for the remuneration of the Sexton for his services, and the payment of other contingent expenses of the present Synod, report:

That they collected and have in possession $39 00. As the printer has made no charge for printing, and there is no other claim against

this fund, the committee recommend, that the whole of said amount be paid to the Sexton as a remuneration for his services; and that the thanks of Synod be tendered to the printer for his kindness in printing the tickets free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The Classis of Clarion, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested the Synod to allow the Classis to retain certain moneys, which had been lost through the mail, but have since been recovered by their Treasurer from the Post-office Department, and devote them to benevolent purposes in the bounds of Classis. This request was granted.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

An Appeal of the South Bend congregation from the decision of the Classis of Clarion dissolving their organization, was reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes. It was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, Joseph H. Apple and Joseph H. Dubbs, with instructions to examine the documents in the case, and if the appeal be found in order, to propose the order in which it shall be disposed of. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the Appeal of the South Bend congregation, would respectfully report,

That they have examined the papers and find them in order. They recommend, that the case be taken up in the following order:

1. That the case be opened by the appellants.
2. That they be responded to by the delegates of Classis.
3. That the appellants be permitted to reply.
4. That the speeches be limited to fifteen minutes.
5. That the vote be taken without discussion.

J. G. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

There being no one present to prosecute the appeal, it was declared to be abandoned.

An appeal of Dr. Anton Baron von Püchelstein from the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, deposing him from the holy ministry, was reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes. It was referred to

the Committee, to whom the appeal of the South Bend congregation had been referred, with similar instructions. The committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, to whom the appeal of Dr. Anton Baron von Püchelstein from the action of the Philadelphia Classis deposing him from the holy ministry, was referred, would respectfully report,

That they have examined the papers relating to the case, and find that the appellant has failed to comply with the constitutional requirements in giving notice of his intention to appeal before the rising of Classis, and therefore decide the appeal out of order.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported an appeal of the Classis of Philadelphia to the General Synod, from the action of the Synod at Baltimore, sustaining the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher from the decision of said Classis. It was referred to the committee appointed by the Synod at Baltimore to sustain Synod's position before the General Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported sundry appeals from, and complaints against, the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, in several cases, as specified, relating to matters concerning Christ Evangelical Reformed Church of Philadelphia. The item indicated in their report under the head of "Appeals and Complaints," as number 4, was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, George B. Russell, Isaac K. Loos, and Elders Daniel W. Gross, and Adam B. Wingerd. Those items indicated as numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 17, were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, George L. Staley, John Beck, and Elders Joseph Laubach and George C. Welker. To the same committee were referred memorials from the consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Philadelphia, and Dr. A. S. Gerhard, a member of said church, reported by the Committee on Overtures. Those items indicated in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes as numbers 12, 13, and 15, were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Samuel Miller, Peter S. Davis. George W. Aughinbaugh, and Elders John Heilman and Joshua Motter.

The second named committee submitted their report in part, which was received, amended, and then adopted; and the taking up of the appeal and complaints made the order of the day for the morning of the seventh day of the sessions. The report, as adopted is as follows:

The committee, to whom was referred certain appeals from the action of the Philadelphia Classis, coming from the pastor, consistory, and certain members of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church of Philadelphia, Pa., as also certain complaints and memorials arising out of the same proceedings of Classis, respectfully report:

The committee have examined the whole case carefully, and are of the opinion, that the different appeals and complaints are so related to each other and interdependent, that, in order to proceed without confusion, it is necessary to submit to Synod for its consideration and action but one point at present, inasmuch as the decision of Synod on this point will condition and determine nearly all the other points raised by these appeals and complaints.

The committee find, that the last appeal of the consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church and complaint of Rev. George D. Wolff and others, from the final action of Philadelphia Classis, are, among others, in order. This appeal and complaint comprehend a number of points, indeed all the principal points substantially, which come up in preceding appeals and complaints. Instead of taking up this appeal and complaint in whole, we recommend to Synod to take up, first of all, one point which, in our judgment, underlies and conditions the most important of the others. This point is, whether the action of Philadelphia Classis was regular and constitutional in rescinding all its proceedings in the case of a certain bill of complaints brought by A. Kline and others against the pastor, consistory, and certain members of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church. From this rescinding act the consistory appeals, and against it the Rev. George D. Wolff and others complain. The appeal and complaint are both in order.

The committee recommend, that, in hearing the appeal and complaint, the Synod proceed in the following order:

1. That the appellant and complainants open the case.
2. That the respondents follow.
3. That the appellant or complainants close.
4. That each side be allowed three hours, which time the parties concerned on either side distribute among themselves.
5. When the appellant, complainants and respondents have concluded, the Synod shall decide whether or not the discussion shall be continued by the members of the Synod.

Inasmuch as any further consideration of and report on appeals and complaints referred to your committee will depend on the decision of Synod on the question now submitted, we report but in part at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART
GEO. LEWIS STALEY,
JOHN BECK,
GEO. C. WELKER,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
Committee.

At the time appointed the appeal was taken up. The complaint of A. Kline and others, against the pastor and consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, before the Philadelphia Classis; the final action of the Classis in the case; and the appeal and complaint relating to this final action, were severally read. The Rev. G. Dering Wolff, in behalf of the appellant and complainants, was heard for half an hour in opening the case. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, as part of the opening, with a brief statement of the points expected to be proved, and the authorities upon which it was purposed to rely as evidence.

Rev. David E. Klopp opened the case on the part of the respondents. After he had closed the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, on the part of the respondents, requested the President of Synod to rule, that the appellants be required, in their opening, to state the line of argument they intend to pursue and cite the particular articles of the Constitution of the Church, upon which they purpose to rely. The chair ruled, that, at this point, the appellants and complainants are not required, by the order adopted by Synod for conducting this case, to put in another argument, as they have already opened their case. From this ruling of the chair, an appeal was taken to the Synod, and the ruling of the chair was sustained. Upon the announcement of this decision, the Rev. Dr. Bomberger stated, that, in view of this ruling, their side of the case was closed.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans resumed his argument in behalf of the appellant and complainants, and continued until he closed, consuming nearly the whole of the time allowed the appellants by the order adopted by Synod. After he had closed, the action of Synod adopting the report defining the order of taking up and conducting the appeal and complaint, was reconsidered. The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That the respondents be allowed two hours to reply to the argument of the appellant and complainants, in case they wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Resolved, That this response, if it be purposed to make it, be entered upon immediately.

The respondents declined to avail themselves of the privilege thus proffered them. It was then

Resolved, That the case be decided upon without further debate.

Upon a motion to sustain the appeal and complaint, the vote was taken by *yeas* and *nays*, with the following result:

YEAS—J. C. J. Kurtz, M. A. Smith, I. K. Loos, John Beck, J. Laubach, B. Bausman, S. Miller, J. Klein, J. Heilman, C. D. Zehring, D. W. Wolff, W. R. H. Deatrich, E. Kieffer, D. Gring, W. A. Wilt, J. Ditzler, J. Frownfelter, H. St. J. Rinker, J. C. Hensell, J. Snapp, P. Wise, E R. Eschbach, J. S. Foulk, J. M. Titzel, G. L. Staley, M. Bachman, G. S. Griffith, J. Motter, H. T. Tice, J. K. Ankenny, H. Heckerman, J. W. Love, P. S. Davis, T. G. Apple, G. H. Mengel, A. B. Wingerd, John Bowman, G. W. Aughinbaugh,

J. H. Dubbs, J. F. Busche, J. W. Nevin, S. Kuhn, E. V. Gerhart, W. A. Gring, D. W. Gross, W. H. Seibert, H. Stouffer, J. G. Shoemaker, J. H. Apple, J. Crick, E. H. Dieffenbacher, D. D. Leberman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. M. Bousch, J. Fritzinger, H. Hoffman, J. W. Steinmetz, G. C. Welker, J. W. Lescher, L. C. Edmonds, C. H. Reiter, M. Brown, and J. K. Runkle—*yeas*, 63.

NAYS—None.

Rev. George B. Russell and John Knie were excused from voting, the former because he was a party partially interested in the case, and the latter because he alleged he did not fully understand it.

Rev. David E. Klopp, as President of the Classis of Philadelphia, gave notice of appeal from this decision of Synod, on the part of the Classis, to the General Synod.

The same committee as above, to whom several appeals and complaints were referred, submitted an additional report. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred certain appeals from, and complaints against the proceedings of Philadelphia Classis, relating to Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, of Philadelphia, offer the following additional report:

We have examined the following appeals and complaints, and find that they have been filed according to the requirements of the Constitution, and are, therefore, in order.

1. An appeal of the consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church against the action of Philadelphia Classis in their decision on the case of certain members *vs.* the Consistory. Record, p. 139.

2. An appeal of Rev. Dr S. R. Fisher from the ruling of Philadelphia Classis. Record, p. 176.

3. A complaint of Drs. Fisher and Gans, against the action of Philadelphia Classis, for the purpose of protecting the rights of Consistories. Record, p. 113.

4. The complaint of Rev. Dr. Fisher against the decision of the Philadelphia Classis, that the reading of a certain paper before the Classis at East Vincent was a sufficient compliance with the Constitution. Record, p. 118.

5. A complaint of the Rev. Drs. Fisher and Giesy, Rev. G. D. Wolff, Gen. G. W. Mindil, and Elders W. Schall and Charles N. Brock against the rulings of Philadelphia Classis. Record, p. 133.

6. A complaint of Rev. G. B. Russell, Rev. Drs. Fisher and Gans, and Rev. G. D. Wolff, against the decision of Philadelphia Classis, involving a violation of the Constitution, Art. 100. Record, p. 135.

7. A complaint of Rev. G. D. Wolff and Dr. Fisher, and Elders W. Schall and Charles N. Brock, and Gen. G. W. Mindil, against the course of Philadelphia Classis in impugning the character of Rev. Dr. Giesy, though not arraigned for trial. Record, p. 148.

8. A complaint of Rev. Dr. Gans and Rev. G. D. Wolff against Philadelphia Classis for referring the replies of both parties to a committee. Record, pp. 194, 195.

We recommend that Synod take up these appeals and complaints in the order in which they are presented.

Inasmuch as the Synod has already allowed the appellants, complainants, and respondents to open and argue the merits of the whole case involved in these different appeals and complaints, and given each side three hours, we recommend that on each appeal and complaint, the appellants or complainants be heard only for half an hour, and the respondents for half an hour, and that every appeal and complaint be conducted in the following order:

1. All pertinent papers shall be read.
2. The appellants or complainants shall open the case.
3. The respondents shall follow.
4. The appellants or complainants shall close.
5. Each party shall distribute the time allotted among themselves.
6. After each case is closed the vote shall be taken without further discussion by members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART,
GEO. LEWIS STALEY,
JOHN BECK,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
GEO. C. WELKER,
Committee.

The several appeals and complaints referred to in this report were taken up and disposed of, according to the order proposed. The papers in each case were read, after which the parties were heard, or afforded the opportunity of being heard. The vote was then taken, and the result in the several cases was as follows:

Appeal No. 1, and complaints Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 were severally sustained. In reference to complaint No. 6, the complainants offered the following paper, which was received and adopted:

Inasmuch as the point of violated constitutional law (Art. 100) complained of, has been already decided on and fully vindicated by this Synod, in its action on the main appeal in this case, the undersigned do not deem it necessary to prosecute the complaint in a separate way.

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
D. GANS,
SAML. R. FISHER.

Rev. David C. Klopp, as President of the Classis of Philadelphia, gave notice of appeal on the part of the Classis, from the decisions of Synod just reached, to the General Synod.

The following report was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the complaints against the Philadelphia Classis, as specified in items 12, 13, and 15 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, would respectfully report,

That they have examined the Minutes of said Classis, and find the several complaints referred to in order.

Item 12 is a complaint of Rev. Dr. Fisher, and Rev. G. D. Wolff, against the Philadelphia Classis in deciding to take down their testimony by a phonographer.

Item 13 is a complaint of Rev. Drs. Fisher and Gans against the action of the Philadelphia Classis in re-adopting the report on the state of Religion in said Classis.

Item 15 is a complaint of Rev. Dr. Gans, and Rev. G. Dering Wolff against the ruling of the Philadelphia Classis in regard to the testimony of C. N. Brock.

Your committee would recommend that these complaints be disposed of item by item; that they be read with their accompanying reasons, and that the complainants and respondents be heard, and the cases be conducted and decided in the usual order, the time of discussion to be limited to half an hour on both sides in each case.

SAMUEL MILLER,
P. S. DAVIS,
GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH,
Committee.

The several complaints were taken up and disposed of according to the order laid down in the report, and were in each case sustained.

The following report was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of appeal from Philadelphia Classis (See Item 4, Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes), refusing to receive a delegate appointed by the Consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, as a substitute for one whose appointment they had revoked, respectfully report,

That they find the appeal in order. Your committee recommend, that the appellant and defendant each be allowed fifteen minutes to argue the case, and that Synod immediately thereafter decide the question without debate.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The appeal was taken up in the order proposed. The documents in the case were read, and the parties heard. The vote was then taken on a motion to sustain the appeal, and the motion lost. The appeal accordingly was not sustained.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, George L. Staley, John Beck, and Elders George C. Welker and Joseph Laubach, was appointed to report a paper in reference to the action of Synod, as bearing upon the requests of the appellants and complainants, in the cases growing out of the proceedings of the Classis of Philadelphia on the complaint of A. Kline and others against the pastor and consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church of Philadelphia. This committee submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The committee on appeals and complaints against Philadelphia Classis, which, in response to the request of the appellants and complainants, was instructed to draft a minute expressing the judgment of this Synod upon the matters appealed from, and complained of, respectfully report the following action for adoption:

1. That the conduct of the Rev. Dr. S. H. Giesy, in reading the Pastoral Letter, according to the direction of this Synod, in the circumstances of the case, is approved and highly commended.

2. That the proceedings of Philadelphia Classis, from which the final appeal and complaint were taken to this Synod, are hereby declared to be irregular and unconstitutional, and in a high degree unjust to the Pastor and Consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church in Philadelphia, and damaging to the interests of said Church, and therefore we order said Classis to annul said proceedings, and to strike from their minutes all matters in the premises impugning or reflecting upon the parties impugned in the so-called complaints of A. Kline and others, and W. H. Shaull and John Wiest, and the proceedings had thereupon.

3. That we hereby enjoin on Philadelphia Classis without delay to revoke the following action, taken Sept. 29, 1868, to wit: "That the party of the complainants, and those who may associate with them, be hereby authorized to organize themselves into a new congregation under the jurisdiction of this Classis, and that the Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. E. Klopp, and J. Dahlman, Jr., be a committee to consummate such organization, should the complainants desire it."

And that the Classis aforesaid be enjoined also to revoke the following action, to wit: "That the Consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church be directed to give certificates of regular dismissal to such of the complainants and their friends, members of said Church, as may desire them, placing no obstacles, on the ground of actual or alleged complicity with the said difficulties in Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, in the way of granting such certificates, nor in the way of carrying out the permission granted in the second resolution."

4. That we prohibit the Classis of Philadelphia to organize and to locate another church within six squares of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church; but the implied authority hereby given, to organize a church beyond these limits, shall not be so construed as to imply, that this Synod approves any part of the action taken on Sept. 29th, 1868, relative to the organization of another church; nor shall it be

so construed as to imply that any members of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church may be received into a new organization, who have not been regularly dismissed.

5. That inasmuch as the appellants and complainants *versus* Philadelphia Classis represent, that the reputation of the Pastor and the prosperity of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church have been greatly damaged by the long-continued unconstitutional proceedings of Philadelphia Classis, the President of this Synod be hereby authorized and directed to visit the aforesaid church in Philadelphia, and represent the action and judgment of this Synod in the premises, and, as its official head, interpose, according to his best judgment, its power and influence towards undoing, as far as possible, the injury done to, and removing the difficulties existing in, said Christ Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART,
GEO. LEWIS STALEY,
JOHN BECK,
GEO. C. WELKER,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
Committee.

Rev. David E. Klopp, as President of the Classis of Philadelphia, gave notice in behalf of the Classis, of an appeal from the action of Synod upon the report just adopted, to the General Synod.

The following report was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the memorial of the Consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church was referred, report,

That, inasmuch as the subject matter thereof has been considered and disposed of in another report submitted to Synod, no further action is necessary to meet the prayer of the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The following report was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the memorial of Dr. A. S. Gerhard was referred, report,

That, inasmuch as the subject matter thereof has been considered and disposed of in another report adopted by this Synod, no further action is necessary to meet the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

A memorial, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, was received from the Consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church

of Philadelphia, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, George L. Staley, John Beck, and Elders Joseph Laubach and George C. Welker. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

On the memorial from the consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, in regard to the Classis of Philadelphia continuing to hold meetings in their church, without their consent and against their will, your committee recommends to Synod to take the following action:

1. Synod requests said Consistory to allow Philadelphia Classis to hold its meeting in their church on the second Tuesday of November, according to adjournment.

2. Synod enjoins on the Classis of Philadelphia, immediately after it has convened in Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, on the second Tuesday of November, to adjourn and hold its sessions in some other suitable place, unless Classis obtains the consent of said Consistory to hold its sessions in said church to the close.

3. Synod enjoins on the Classis of Philadelphia thereafter not to hold any meetings in said Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, unless they previously have obtained the consent of the Consistory.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART,
GEO. LEWIS STALEY,
JOHN BECK,
JOS. LAUBACH,
GEO. C. WELKER,
Committee.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen failed to have its Minutes sent to Synod in proper time, and the Classis of West Susquehanna confirmed a call to the Rev. George E. Addams, coming from only one congregation of the charge, the other congregations of the charge not having united in the call, both of which particulars the Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as irregularities. The judgment of the Committee in both cases was approved. At the same time, however, in view of explanations given verbally by members of the Classis of West Susquehanna, in regard to their action, it was

Resolved, That the Classis be excused for committing this irregularity.

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to coöperate with the Classis of Maryland in attending to the interests of our Church in Washington City, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Immediately after the adjournment of the last Synod one of the committee visited Washington to learn the state of the case. The substance of what was thus ascertained was reported to the committee,

who proposed such action as the circumstances seemed to require. By a peculiar combination of unforeseen events, the plan of the committee failed to retain in our possession the church property. The subject then came before a special meeting of the Maryland Classis. But, notwithstanding the positive directions of the Synod, the Classis was unwilling to take legal steps to recover our right to the property. It will be for the Synod to give such further instructions as will, in its judgment, reach the case—if it be thought proper to maintain the justice of our claim to the church property of right ours in Washington.

The members thrown out of a house of worship, uniting with other Reformed members, were organized into a mixed congregation of German and English. A favorable opportunity afforded them the possibility of securing themselves a house of worship. They purchased an eligible chapel from the Trinity Episcopal Church, which they now occupy. The congregation have been able, thus far, to meet the payments on the same.

But they need the help of their friends to the amount of, say three thousand dollars, which they must provide for by next May. Once relieved of this debt, and having a house of worship, they will soon be able to sustain themselves.

If the Germans could recover their wrested rights, a separation of the two languages into a distinct German, and also an English congregation, could then be effected—greatly to the interests of both.

With these statements before it, the Synod can take such action as, in its judgment, is required. We, therefore, suggest the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to whom full power is hereby given to act, in the name of this Synod, in behalf of our Reformed Church interests in Washington, D. C., and, if necessary, proceed as, in the judgment of legal counsel, the case warrants.

2. *Resolved*, That, to meet the balance of indebtedness now resting on the mission church there, and provide for the prosecution of the case if made necessary, the committee be authorized to raise funds in that behalf, by such agencies as to them may be most proper; and that this Synod commends this object to the hearts and prayers of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
D. ZACHARIAS, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in this report, consists of the Rev. George B. Russell, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, John S. Foulk, and Elder Hon. John Cessna.

A communication was received from the Rev. William C. Bennet, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, in relation to certain vacated church-property in Cumberland county, Pa., and referred to

a committee consisting of the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, George W. Aughinbaugh, and Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. Wm. C. Bennett concerning our interest in certain church property in Cumberland county, Pa., respectfully report the following action:

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to a committee, consisting of the officers of Zion's Classis, with instructions to investigate it, and if the way be open, to take the necessary legal steps to secure our interest in said property, either by way of sale or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The committee on Overtures reported the reasons of complaint of Elders Andrew W. Meyers and John Wiest to the General Synod, against the action of Synod at Baltimore in reference to the Meyerstown Convention, which had been forwarded to the President of the last Synod. The document was referred to the committee appointed by the Synod at Baltimore to sustain its action before the General Synod.

Sundry complaints against the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, growing out of the complaint of A. Kline and others against the pastor and consistory of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church of Philadelphia, were reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes. As, however, they were all intimately connected with sundry appeals growing out of the same case, they were prosecuted in connection with them. For the result, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Publication and referred to the Committee on Publication:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the year ending October 1, 1868.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward during the past year with varied success. Difficulties to some extent have been experienced, arising in part out of the somewhat unsettled condition of portions of the Church, and more especially from the stringent condition of the finances of the country, particularly during the last quarter of the financial year. The consequence is, that we are not able to report so prosperous a condition of affairs as is to be desired; yet it is not without its encouraging aspects, especially when viewed in the light of all the surroundings incident to the year.

The Board held its regular quarterly sessions, except the one in July, at which a quorum failed to be present, and attended to the business with which it is entrusted. At the quarterly session in the present month, with which the year closes, a full report of the operations of the year was presented. This is too extensive to be incorporated in full in this report. It is, however, within reach, so that it can be consulted, if desired. The following is a summary of its most important items, and will serve to convey to the Church, an intelligent view of the condition of its publication affairs:

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

Subscription to "Messenger" and advertising,	$9,124 66
" "Kirchenzeitung" "	3,247 35
" "Guardian,"	1,191 03
" "Child's Treasury,"	2,559 17
" "Lämmerhirte,"	1,193 65
" "Review"	666 00
Contributions for Relief,	299 50
Publishing Fund,	80 15
Receipts in store,	17,321 37
Loan,	1,000 00
Proceeds of note discounted,	1,485 00
	$38,167 88
Less receipts than disbursements,	1,132 09
	$39,299 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal on notes,	$1,484 00
Interest account,	377 85
Messenger, composition, press work, and expediting,	4,616 93
Kirchenzeitung, " " "	2,468 28
Guardian, " " "	998 70
Child's Treasury, " " "	646 70
Lämmerhirte, " " "	455 00
Review, " " "	854 92

Paper bought for Messenger,	$3,008 90
" Kirchenzeitung,	1,083 52
" Guardian and Review,	677 50
" Child's Treas'y, and Lämmerhirte,	2,190 16
" Almanac,	193 37
" Books,	485 00
Percentage or collections,	671 46
" relief,	11 55
Rent,	550 00
Postage stamps,	309 49
Binding account,	2,384 04
Insurance Policies,	130 00
Stereotyping,	535 67
Cuts,	60 00
Salaries for editors, contributors, and other employees,	6,329 02
James B. Rodgers, press-work, etc.,	1,148 69
All other expenses, such as purchase of stock for store, freight, gas, etc., etc.,	7,629 22
	$39,299 97

LIABILITIES.

October 1, 1868	$11,955 30	
" 1, 1867	8,297 22	
Increase of Liabilities	$3,657 98	

ASSETS.

Due on account for books	$7,416 54
" Messenger, (estimated)	5,300 00
" Kirchenzeitung "	2,700 00
" Guardian	1,596 50
" Child's Treasury	1,394 00
" Lämmerhirte	762 55
" Review	489 50
" Stock of books on hand	8,042 17
" Books in sheets	2,198 05
" Paper on hand	910 54
" Stereotypes	3,529 50
" Cuts	350 00
" Fixtures	800 00
" Due bills	500 00
Total assets Oct. 1, 1868	$35,989 35
" " 1867	33,941 47
Increase of assets	$2,047 88

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE PAPERS.

	1867.	1868.		
Messenger	3,350	3,505	Increase	155
Kirchenzeitung	2,800	2,626	Decrease	174
Guardian	1,200	1,141	"	59
Review	386	416	Increase	30
Child's Treasury	20,000	24,400	"	4,400
Lämmerhirte	6,950	7,720	"	770

COST OF PAPERS, EXCLUSIVE OF EDITING, CLERK HIRE, AND PERCENTAGE ACCOUNT.

Messenger, 53 Nos., paper, composition, and expediting		$7,553 93
Receipts for the year	$9,124 66	
Kirchenzeitung, paper, composition and expediting		3,494 40
Receipts for the year	3,247 35	
Review, paper, composition, and expediting		1,176 59
Receipts for the year	666 00	
Guardian, paper, composition, and expediting		1,445 02
Receipts for the year	1,191 03	
Child's Treasury, paper, composition, and expediting		2,339 90
Receipts for the year	2,559 17	
Lämmerhirte, paper, composition, and expediting		1,095 34
Receipts for the year	1,193 65	

Number of copies of books, pamphlets, etc., printed, 38,400.

From the foregoing statement, it will be perceived, that there is a small increase in the number of subscribers to the "Messenger." It has not, however, been as great as was anticipated, and as was necessary to meet the additional expenses incurred by the enlargement made a little over a year ago. Only a few persons put forth any special efforts to procure subscribers. Besides this, the list itself has been subjected to a winnowing process, with a view to purge it of unprofitable subscribers; and influences also have prevailed in some sections of the Church, the tendency of which was to provoke discontinuances as well as to prevent the addition of new subscribers. These several obstacles to success, it is hoped, will not exist in future.

There has been a decrease of one hundred and seventy-four in the subscription list of the "Kirchenzeitung." This, however, has been occasioned, partly, by the winnowing process referred to in the case of the "Messenger," but mainly by the discontinuances received from the German section of East Pennsylvania, in consequence of the introduction of the "Hausfreund," and is nothing more than was anticipated in the circumstances. The number of subscribers from that section of the Church is now merely nominal. At the same time, a sufficient

number of additions was not received from other directions, to make up for these losses. The problem remains to be solved, whether the Church will sustain the two German religious papers upon the same territory.

There has been a small decrease in the "Guardian" list of subscribers, and a small increase in that of the "Review." Viewed by the actual amount received for these periodicals during the year, the aspect of their condition, as to covering expenses, especially of the latter, is not very flattering. But this is somewhat relieved, when the amounts respectively due for subscription to each of them, the collection of which it is purposed urgently to press, and the value of the stock on hand, are taken into consideration. At the same time, however, there is a strong claim upon the friends of these publications for urgent efforts to increase their circulation.

The two Sunday School papers, especially the "Child's Treasury," present a very encouraging degree of prosperity. They are both gradually increasing in favor and usefulness, which state of things, there is reason to hope, will be continued. They are much needed in the Church and seem to be appreciated.

A short time after the adjournment of the last annual session of Synod, the Rev. N. Gehr tendered his resignation to the Board as editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," to take effect on the first of January last, which was accepted. In the circumstances, the Board, at the recommendation of several German brethren, appointed Mr. J. G. S. Wittman, who has had considerable experience in editorial labors, as editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" for the current year, and they are pleased to be able to say, that he has edited the paper with ability, and, as far as is known to the Board, with general acceptance also. It wi l devolve upon the Synod to make provision for the filling of this position permanently.

At the close of the year 1867, the Board, in common with the Church in general, was called upon to deplore the death of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, by which the editorship of the "Review" was rendered vacant. A suitable tribute to his memory was prepared and published in the "Messenger," and a proper notice of his decease also appeared in the "Review." The Board prevailed upon the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple to take charge of the "Review," under whose control it has been carried forward during the past year.

The Board had commenced the publication of a series of Tracts under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh but were arrested in their progress by his death, after the issue of the first of the series on "Alms Giving—The True Christian Mode." It is hoped that arrangements can be made to resume and proceed with the series, as such Tracts are greatly needed in the Church.

In response to the repeated and urgent requests of various German brethren, the Board has had the Palatinate Catechism in German handsomely electrotyped during the past summer and has recently is-

sued an edition from the plates. This is regarded as an important service to the Church, rendered in the right direction. The work will doubtless meet with a general welcome reception.

In compliance with the instructions of Synod, a partial edition of the "Order of Worship" has been published. The issue of a pocket edition has not yet been undertaken because of the want of funds.

The memorial volume of the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh has not yet been commenced, because the documents to be included in that volume have not all been procured.

The inaugural address of the Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee has not yet been published. Arrangements, however, have been made to effect its publication soon.

A desire has been expressed in various directions, that the works of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh and other ministers of the Church, should be issued from its Publication office. Efforts have been made to effect this object, which promise to be successful.

In accordance with the request of Synod, the Board has endeavored to have a suitable form of a Charter for the Board of Publication drafted, and submits the result of its labors to the Synod. In view of the information obtained from those, who have had experience in Publication operations in other Churches, it was thought advisable to make the charter as brief as possible, embracing only a few sections, sufficient to confer corporate privileges, and simply defining, in a general way, the objects of the corporation. The details must be left to grow out of subsequent experience.

All objects embraced in the operations of the Publication Board are of the highest importance to the interests of the Church. They should be taken into the most serious consideration by Synod, and such additional arrangements be made, as will secure for them the necessary degree of efficiency. What should be the precise nature of these, the Board will not pretend to dictate. It is hoped, however, that, after proper mutual consideration, such conclusions will be arrived at, as will extend their efficiency beyond the simple preambles and resolutions, in which they may be embodied, and result in actually securing the important ends contemplated in them.

The Board has the pleasure of reporting, that the Rev. George B. Russell accepted the position of "Book Editor," to which he was elected by the last Synod, and entered upon its duties on the first of January last. He submitted a full and interesting statement of his operations, during the intervening nine months, to the Board at its late meeting. This statement is here appended as a part of this report. It contains information, of which the Synod should be in possession, as well as several important suggestions, for all of which the Board bespeaks an earnest and respectful attention.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

D. W. GROSS,
President.

REPORT OF THE BOOK EDITOR, OCTOBER, 1868.

To the Board of Publication:

That the results of my operations in behalf of the Book Fund may come officially before the Synod, I propose to report to your Board, so that you may be able, if you see fit, to incorporate it into your annual statement to that body.

As indicated in my letter of acceptance of the office, to which the Synod of last year called me, I entered upon this work with the beginning of the present civil year. For the short intervals of time since then, in which I have not been strictly engaged in this service, one hundred dollars is deducted from my salary. This brings us through three-quarters of a year to the first of October, 1868.

My plainest and first duty, according to the action of the last Synod, was to raise money with which to begin the work proposed. I proceeded, therefore, to canvass the churches as far as possible; and bringing the matter before the people publicly and privately, awakening their interest, they gave encouraging responses to the call.

I visited for this purpose, Elklick, Wilhelm's, Berlin, Hay's, Somerset, Beam's, Sipesville, Calvary, Greensburg, Grace Church, All Souls, Alexandria, Sinking Valley, Greenville, Hamburg, St. Petersburg, Waynesboro', Salem, Greencastle, Upton, Hagerstown, Chambersburg, Carlisle, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Philadelphia, Jefferson, Zion's, Cavetown, Mount Alto, Hanover, Oxford, Gettysburg, Lebanon, Huntingdon, McConnellstown, Annville, and York.

It was also my privilege to lay the general subject before the meetings of the Mercersburg, St. Paul's, Clarion, and Westmoreland Classes. Some of these bodies passed favorable action in regard to this cause. Clarion pledged *one thousand dollars* to be raised by the Eldership at their own proposal.

This plan saves me valuable time and the Church the expense of paying for the work. It is next to impossible for me to visit every place in person. Already it has cost nearly fifty special addresses and about as many sermons, besides no small amount of private talk.

The people generally have shown hearty sympathy for this cause, as their contributions prove. They have also to myself personally, as the servant of the Synod, shown great kindness, for which I desire to make this special mention to their honor. May our Lord reward them!

There are those, however, who array themselves openly and avowedly against this work of the Synod. This, together with the growing stringency in money matters and the political excitement incident to the election campaign, has hindered in some measure the general result.

The disaffection growing out of the agitations now among our people, boldly opposes the wishes of the Synod. In the Race Street Church, Philadelphia, and in the First Church, Lebanon, I met more particularly personal opposition from the pastors, who interposed their

authority to prevent me from even bringing publicly before their people, this plan and purpose of the Synod to provide for our denominational wants. The ground of this opposition was stated in each case to be, their personal want of heart in this interest, and a fear that the Synod would use it, as it had other institutions of the Church, in furthering, as a party purpose, the liturgical movement. Elders also in several places take substantially the same ground.

One part of the plan we have proposed to the people is to enlist the Sunday Schools in the work. It is thought, that at least *one hundred* Sunday Schools can be induced each to give $100, or more, for the publication of a book in the name of such school.

Twenty-two have already joined in this scheme. It is also thought, that if individuals or families contribute enough to publish a book, it might, if desired, bear such individual or family's name on the title page, as a memorial of such gift, or a certificate might be issued as a testimonial of that fact.

Synod's action of last year was so meagre and indefinite as regards the plan of operation in this department, that we were left in uncertainty as to how the publishing of books should be carried on; and hence nothing in that way was at all done. I beg now to suggest that something more specific be enacted, and therefore offer the following points for consideration:

1. There should by a Committee or Board of Examiners of at least two members, besides the Book Editor, who shall determine what manuscripts and books are to be published.

2. The Board of Publication should secure the title to all copyrights, as well as own the stereotype plates of all the works published in the name of the Church.

3. To this end *sixty thousand dollars*, or upwards, should be secured as a working capital.

4. In addition to this, the Board of Publication should have *its own house*, so as to make such permanent internal arrangements as the nature of its business demands.

5. To raise the money thus needed will require the entire time and labor of a financial agent for several years to come, and the Board should have authority to secure the services of such a man.

6. In that case the work of editing and issuing books would not, until the business be greatly increased, require the whole time of the Book Editor, and his salary could be regulated in proportion to the services rendered by him to this work.

Besides what has been actually pledged and subscribed, there will also be, it is reasonable to expect, yet other fruit appear from the seed sown. For, in some places, pastors and consistories desired the cause to be left in their hands, and they will no doubt in due time report favorable results.

There has been secured in notes, subscriptions, and pledges the amount of	$8,000 00
Of which was collected	1,009 25
Selling expenses	136 70

A large portion of the remainder subscribed is collectable on demand, as soon as it may be needed for the issuing of books. Some portion of it is in notes, having some time yet to run until due.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Book Editor.*

DRAFT

Of An Act Incorporating the "Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States."

WHEREAS, The "Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States" has a Board of Publication composed of members of the German Reformed Church, the object of which is the publication and sale of such works, permanent and periodical, as are adapted to promote sound learning and true religion.

AND WHEREAS, The said Board of Publication labors under serious disadvantages, as to receiving donations and bequests, and as to the management of the funds contributed to them for the purposes contemplated in the object of the Board, and in accordance with the benevolent intention of those from whom such bequests and donations are received, as well as in the management of the business of the Board in general; Therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Daniel W. Gross, Adam B. Wingerd, John Meily, and George Gelbach, citizens of the United States and of this Commonwealth, and Goldsboro S. Griffith, a citizen of the United States and of the State of Maryland, and members of the German Reformed Church in the United States, and their successors, be and hereby are made, constituted, and declared to be a body politic or corporation, which shall henceforth be known by the name of "The Trustees of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States," and as such shall have perpetual succession and be able to sue and be sued in all courts of Record and elsewhere, and purchase, take, and hold to them and their successors forever, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, money, and chattels, and all kinds of estate which may be devised, bequeathed, or given to them, and the same to sell, alien, demise, and convey; also, to make a common seal and the same to alter and renew at their pleasure, and also to make such rules, by-laws, and ordinances, as may be needful for the government of said corporation and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and of this State, and the Constitution and rules of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States: *Provided*, always the clear yearly income from the real estate held by the said corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The Trustees above named shall hold their offices for one year from the date of this incorporation, and until their successors are duly qualified to take their places, who shall be chosen by the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States at such time and in such manner as shall be determined upon by said Synod: *Provided*, that not more than one of the Trustees shall be removed in any one year, and that at least four of the five Trustees shall at all times be citizens of this State; vacancies, however, occurring by death, resignation, or disqualification under the by-laws of the Trustees of the Board of Publication, may be filled by the Trustees until the next annual sessions of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, when it shall be competent for said Synod to fill such vacancies.

SEC. 3. The Trustees hereby incorporated and their successors shall, subject to the direction of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, have full power to manage the funds and property committed to them, and conduct the particular business assigned them, in such manner as shall be deemed most advantageous and not contrary to law.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in session at Hagerstown, Md.:

REVEREND BRETHREN—Your committee, appointed to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," begs leave to present the following brief report of the doings of the past year:

The "Hausfreund" endeavors continually to adapt itself more and more to its peculiar mission and is daily gaining in point of permanency. It starts out upon its regular visits every two weeks, and has gained a secure entrance into many families, which also do not wish to part with it.

Between two and three thousand copies are issued from the press, of which number about twenty-three hundred are sent to regular subscribers. With a little active effort on the part of the ministers, it would be an easy matter to obtain, in the German portion of the Church in East Pennsylvania, an addition of five thousand subscribers.

We are convinced, that the paper has already effected much good and still has before it an important mission. The number of subscribers should, therefore, be largely increased, which would certainly result in great benefit to the Church. Thousands of our members do not read any of our church papers, and they are accessible to none except the "Hausfreund," which is admirably adapted to their wants.

How necessary it is, that it should be introduced into such families, in order that it may there excite and awaken an interest in the benevolent and literary institutions of our Church! No other instrumentality can accomplish this end so readily as the "Hausfreund." That it has not failed to answer its important mission is evidenced by the favorable judgment of its readers, and the fondness they cherish for it.

The receipts are still not sufficient fully to cover the expenses, so that the existence of the paper depends, in part at least, upon its active and worthy editor. As is known, he has already made many heavy sacrifices for this good cause. At their last meeting, your committee adopted such measures, by the addition of an efficient assistant, as encourage them to hope, that, by the end of the year, the receipts of the paper will be sufficient to cover all the expenses; by which arrangement also the labors of the editor will be considerably lessened. We, therefore, deem it proper, respectfully to ask the Synod to recommend anew this very important enterprise, to the ministers laboring in the Pennsylvania German congregations. This will be a great help to it, inasmuch as many look upon the "Hausfreund" as a *private undertaking*, in the interest of those by whom it is published. This is an erroneous apprehension of the matter, and should be corrected.

May the Reverend Synod, as a mother, still continue to support and cherish this her child, and provide for its friendly reception and entertainment! The little stripling is healthy and thrives; it breathes its own peculiar spirit; speaks its own language and deserves to live on in its own garb. In a few years only, and it will not fail to bring forth its rich fruit, of which it already begins to furnish some evidence.

In all respect,

W. A. HELFRICH,
P. S. FISHER,
C. H. LEINBACH,
Committee.

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted their report, which was received and, after sundry amendments, adopted. The report, as amended, is as follows:

The Committee on Publication respectfully submit the following report:

The documents placed into the hands of your Committee are the following:

1. The annual report of the Board of Publication.
2. Draft of an Act incorporating the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.
3. Report of Synod's committee on the "Reformirte Hausfreund."
4. A partial report of the Book Editor.

It appears from these papers, that varied success has characterized the operations of the Board during the past year. The energy and zeal displayed by those, who have control of its affairs, are all that could be desired. Circumstances, however, beyond their control, have

hindered the progress of this department to the extent so ardently desired and so greatly needed. The depressed condition of the finances of the country, and the unsettled state of the Church in some quarters, have seriously interfered with our publication operations. The receipts of the Board from all sources amount to $38,167.88; the disbursements to $39,299.97, from which it appears, that the expenditures have been $1,132.09 in excess of the receipts. The relative condition of the assets and liabilities is not more cheering—the past year showing an increase of the assets amounting to $2,047.88, while the liabilities were increased by $3,657.98, showing an increase of $1,610.10 of liabilities in excess of the corresponding increase of assets.

More encouraging is the gradual, though slow, increase in the circulation of most of the church periodicals. The "Messenger," "Guardian," "Review," "Child's Treasury," and "Lämmerhirte," find the sphere of their usefulness thus considerably enlarged. The fact, that the territory, in which the "Hausfreund" most freely circulates, is that formerly occupied by the "Kirchenzeitung," accounts for the diminished circulation of the latter. "The problem remains to be solved," says the Board in their report, "whether the Church will sustain two German religious papers in the same territory." Doubtless both are indispensably necessary to the welfare of the people, whom they are respectively intended to benefit.

Rev. N. Gehr having tendered his resignation as editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," the Board temporarily appointed J. G. S. Wittman editor; it will devolve upon this Synod to make provision to fill this position.

The "Hausfreund" toils on in its labor of love—its editor bestowing his services gratuitously in the conduct of this important enterprise. Cannot the Pastors and members of the Pennsylvania German congregations come to its support, by doubling its number of subscribers?

The prospects of the "Reformed Church Messenger" are brightening, and it is hoped, that the time may soon come, when it will be found in all the English families of our Church—a means blessed of God to the temporal and spiritual welfare of all its readers.

The "Review" suffered an irreparable loss in the death of its editor, the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, at the close of last year. The services of Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, as editor, were secured, who conducts it with marked ability. It is not yet self-sustaining, however, and the number of its subscribers must be considerably increased to insure its continuance.

In compliance with Synod's request of last year, the Board submits to Synod the draft of a charter for the Board of Publication, which, it is hoped, will meet the approval of Synod. The Corporation is to be known as "The Trustees of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States."

It is worthy of mention, that, among the publications of the Board is the issue of a new edition of the Palatinate Heidelberg Catechism in

German. Equally gratifying is it to hear, that they hope to be successful in their contemplated arrangements for the publication of the works of the late Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh and other ministers of the Church. Other publications ordered by Synod are in a way of more or less forwardness toward publication. A partial edition of the "Order of Worship," has been published. The issue of a pocket edition has not yet been undertaken because of the want of funds. This is to be greatly regretted, just in this important period of our Church's history, and as there seems to be a demand in this direction, an edition in this form would no doubt meet with a general welcome.

The Book Editor, elected by last Synod, has been diligently engaged in the duties of his office since the first of January last—bringing before the Church the plan and purpose of Synod to provide a sound denominational literature, awakening their interest in behalf of the enterprise, and receiving pledges toward its support. He has met with encouraging success, in the shape of notes, subscriptions, and pledges, to the amount of $8000—$1009.25 of which has been collected. He offers to the consideration of Synod the propriety of constituting a Board of Examiners of at least two members, besides the Book Editor, who shall determine what manuscripts and books are to be published; also, the propriety of authorizing the Board to secure the services of a financial agent, whose entire time and labor shall be devoted to the raising of a fund, or working capital, to be used in the purchase of copyrights, stereotype plates, and the securing of necessary buildings for our publication operations.

To gather up the contents of the above report, your Committee would suggest the following action:

Resolved, 1, That this Synod approve of the election by the Board of the Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, as editor of the "Mercersburg Review."

2. That the appointment of J. G. S. Wittman, as editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" for the current year, be sanctioned; and that Synod immediately make provision for filling this position.

2. That a Board of Examiners consisting of three members besides the Book Editor be appointed, who shall determine what manuscripts and books are to be published.

4. That the Board of Publication be instructed to secure as far as possible the title to all copyrights, as well as the stereotype plates of all works published in the name of the Church.

5. That to this end, sixty thousand dollars or upwards be secured as a working capital.

6. That the Board of Publication be authorized to take measures to secure its own house; so as to make such permanent internal arrangements, as the nature of its business demands.

7. That the Board be authorized to appoint a Financial Agent to raise the money thus needed, who shall give his entire time and labor to this work.

8. That, as in that case the work of editing and issuing books will not, until the business be greatly increased, require the whole time

and attention of the Book Editor, his salary be determined by the Board of Publication, in proportion to the services rendered by him to this work.

9. That this Synod approve the charter for the Board, a draft of which has been submitted to this Synod for consideration and adoption.

10. That we recommend to the Board, that one page of the "Messenger" be devoted to advertising, besides the space used for church purposes.

11. That this Synod enjoins it upon the pastors under its jurisdiction to make earnest efforts in their respective charges to secure a larger circulation of the *authorized* church periodicals, viz.: the "Reformed Church Messenger," "Mercersburg Review," "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," "Reformirte Hausfreund," "Guardian," "Child's Treasury," and "Lämmerhirte."

12. That the Classes, at their next annual sessions, require a statement of every pastor, whether he has attended to the above injunction, and of his success in this effort, said statement to be recorded upon the minutes of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

The appointment of a person to edit the "Kirchenzeitung" for the coming year, was committed to the Board of Publication.

Rev. Drs. Samuel H. Giesy and Daniel Gans, and Rev. Nicholas Gehr were appointed in connection with the Book Editor, the Board of Examiners called for in the third resolution of the above report. It was further

Resolved, That the Book Editor and Board of Examiners be requested to have a proper regard for the wants of the German portion of the Church.

The following report was received from the German Clerk of Synod, in relition to the publication of the German Minutes:

The undersigned respectfully reports,

That the duty assigned him as German Clerk has been attended to.

M. BACHMAN.

The following report was received from the Book Editor in relation to the publication of the Memorial Volume of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh:

The documents intended to be incorporated in the proposed volume have not as yet been placed in the editor's hands. Consequently nothing has been done toward issuing the proposed volume.

GEORGE B. RUSSELL.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk of Synod in relation to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the last annual sessions:

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk of the Synod, would respectfully report,

That he caused the number of copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of Synod to be published both in the German and English languages, ordered by the Synod, and distributed them amongst those entitled to receive them.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL. R. FISHER.

A communication from Elder John Wiest was reported by the Committee on Overtures, in which he tenders his resignation as a member of the Board of Publication. The resignation was accepted, and Elder George Gelbach was appointed a member of the Board in his place.

The Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart was requested to furnish a copy of his Inaugural Address for publication in the "Mercersburg Review."

Elder Daniel W. Gross, Treasurer of the Tercentenary Funds, stated to Synod, that there is a small balance in his hands, in favor of that Fund, and asked Synod to direct as to what disposition shall be made of it. It was

Resolved, That Elder Daniel W. Gross be instructed to pay the balance of the Tercentenary monies in his hands to the Board of Publication for the publication of books.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The report on Lay Baptism, the consideration of which had been deferred until this meeting of Synod, was called up by the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod. The consideration of the report was then still further deferred until the next annual sessions of Synod.

The officers of Synod submitted the following report, in relation to the issuing of the Pastoral Letter, as directed by the Synod at Baltimore, which was received and adopted:

The officers of Synod respectfully report:

That, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod at Baltimore, they caused several thousand copies of the Pastoral Letter to be printed in both the German and English languages for general distribution, and had a copy, with the seal of Synod affixed, mailed to the address of each minister connected with this Synod, having a pastoral charge. SAMUEL. R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

The item in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes. relating to the reading of the Pastoral Letter by the pastors to their people from the pulpit, as directed by the Synod at Baltimore, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, John W. Love, and John S. Foulk. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on the reading of the Pastoral Letter beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That they have found, that a considerable number of the pastors within the bounds of the Synod did not comply with the direction of the last Synod, in regard to the reading of the Pastoral Letter publicly to their people.

2. That this non-compliance resulted from several causes, which are assigned as the reasons, namely, first, in some charges, that there was, according to their judgment no occasion or call for its reading; second, in others, that its reading would be productive of more evil than good; third, and in the case of others, the direction of the Synod was regarded in the light of a request or recommendation, leaving discretionary judgment with the pastors themselves.

3. That the non-reading did not, in any case, according to the declarations of the parties concerned, involve any disrespect to, or resistance of the authority of the Synod.

While your committee mention these several reasons, and think that, in the circumstances of the case, they ought to be allowed some weight in the way of palliation, they do, nevertheless, not regard them as satisfactory. As meeting the demands of the case, we therefore propose the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That those, who omitted to read the Pastoral Letter from whatever cause, failed to discharge a plainly enjoined duty, which fact Synod sincerely regrets.

2. That Synod, in giving a positive direction or injunction, as distinguished from a request or recommendation to perform a certain duty, assumes thereby the responsibility in the case, and expects its authority to be respected, and its injunction faithfully complied with on the part of those to whom it relates.

Respectfully submitted,

D. GANS,
J. S. FOULK,
J. W. LOVE.
Committee.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, referred to Synod, for decision, the following questions:

(a) Who are to be reported as communicants in the Church Statistics?

(b) What relations do Elders sustain to Pastors?

The first question was laid on the table. The second question was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. John W. Nevin, Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Daniel Zacharias.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to make it a condition, in dismissing a minister, that before the name of the minister dismissed be dropped from the roll of the dismissing Classis, the fact of his reception must be officially communicated to the Stated Clerk or Secretary of the Classis dismissing him.

This request was granted.

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to notice the case of the Lutheran pastor at St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pa., who received members of the Reformed Church while they were under censure. This subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Samuel Miller, and P. Seibert Davis. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Lebanon Classis of the irregular procedure of Rev. Mr. Hinterleitner and Rev. Mr. Schimpf, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee have ascertained, that the Consistory of the Reformed congregation of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pa., found it necessary to expel certain members of said congregation for disorderly conduct. After said expulsion of these persons, the pastor of the Reformed congregation, Rev. Samuel Miller, informed the Rev. Mr. Schimpf, pastor of the Lutheran congregation of St. Clair, of said expulsion. Although informed that these persons were under discipline, the said Rev. Mr. Schimpf, with the concurrence of Rev. Mr. Hinterleitner, received the said expelled parties as members of the Lutheran congregation. Your committee regards the reception of these expelled persons as virtually a breach of the terms of correspondence between the Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, of which latter Synod both the above Lutheran ministers are members.

Your committee submit the following for the adoption of this Synod:

Resolved, That the delegate of this Synod to the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania be instructed to call the attention of said Ministerium to this subject.

B. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

Immediately after the organization of Synod, the retiring President, the Rev. Samuel N. Callender, called the attention of Synod, to an article in a periodical called the "Reformed Church Monthly," of which the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, a member of this Synod, is chief editor, and to another article over his signature, published in the Philadelphia "Evening Telegraph," in which this Synod is seriously reflected upon. The subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. George B. Russell, Isaac K. Loos, P. Seibert Davis, and Elders Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher and Joseph Laubach. This committee submitted their report. It was received, and, after considerable discussion, amended and then unanimously adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the publication charged by the retiring President of Synod, with having slandered and otherwise damaged the good name of Synod, beg leave to report as follows:

It appears from a copy of an unauthorized publication, April number, 1868, of which Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., is principal editor; and also from several extracts from a daily paper published in Philadelphia, that the said J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., has published and given circulation to the following statements, over his own signature, in regard to this Synod, to wit:

"Those unwilling to vote for Dr. Gerhart *were not permitted to nominate their candidate*" for theological professor. "The refusal to allow those desiring to have their candidate, was a most extraordinary proceeding, unknown even among secular politicians, and without a precedent in our Church"

He also endorses, "as in full accordance with the facts," the statement made in an item in the Philadelphia "Evening Telegraph," April 25th, 1868. It charged the Synod, under whose sole and entire control the Theological Seminary is, with being "the liturgical wing," and implies also, that it is "becoming so churchly as to cease to be Reformed."

To reveal the gross misrepresentation here published to the world, it is only needed, that the plain facts as they stand in connection with the late election of Theological Professor, be set forth.

It is beyond possibility of successful contradiction, that the committee on nomination (of whom at least three out of the seven were known as friendly to the wishes of the very small minority in that Synod) at first unanimously reported but a single name. To this objections were raised by Dr. Bomberger and others; and after it was declared, that, according to the Constitution of the Church, none could be legally voted for, who were not first put in nomination, the report, to accommodate those who desired another candidate, was re-committed with instructions to add another name. When they again reported, the name of the acknowledged representative of the dissatisfied party was presented along with that of him, who had been previously nominated. Great offence was taken at this by the person thus named, and he begged to be shielded from insult and injury. At this point, and not before, mention was made of the name of another brother as

an acceptable candidate, but who in fact was not identified in any way with that party. His name Dr. Bomberger wished the Chairman of the committee, or the committee, or the Synod, to substitute in the place of his own. To relieve the feelings of Dr. Bomberger, the original report was substituted for the second.

The Synod was not a packed, partizan, or factious body, in any sense. It was made up of delegates regularly chosen from the several Classes, before the necessity for the Professorial election was before the Church. The Synod *did* NOT reject any nomination made by the party now claiming to be aggrieved; nor did it *refuse* to ALLOW them to nominate or vote for a man of their choice. In fact, they made no nomination to be voted on in any way by the Synod—although they were repeatedly told, that such a course was in the largest liberty accorded them.

The case presents, then, in the aforesaid published statements, what may well be considered a slanderous perversion of facts and a damaging public libel on the Synod, absolutely without foundation or warrant.

This offence also is not an isolated act, but is only one in a general bad course of similar conduct towards this Synod and her institutions, calling perhaps for investigation and regular trial; which does not belong to your committee, but which, on common rumor, may be gathered from the Church at large.

Such gross violation of truth, and breach of fidelity to the Church, demand, that the Synod rebuke it as its provocation merits. In becoming self-respect and strict regard to her sacred trusts, the Synod should require of the offender, who was then, as he is also now, a member of this reverend body, the fullest repentance and reparation he can make for so aggravated a sin against Christian fidelity, as a minister of the Reformed Church. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod require from the said J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., a public, full, and unequivocal retraction in writing of the above recited language; and that he be hereby enjoined to purge himself from the offence given by it to this body.

Resolved, That, in case he shall neglect or refuse to comply with the conditions of the above resolution to the satisfaction of the Synod until eleven o'clock on Saturday morning, he be and hereby is suspended from all the privileges of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL,
ISAAC K. LOOS,
P. SEIBERT DAVIS,
DIODORUS S DIEFFENBACHER,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
Committee.

The above report was adopted at the opening of Friday afternoon session. On Saturday morning, about 10 o'clock, at the request of

the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, the business then under consideration was laid on the table, for the purpose of receiving from him a statement in response to the requirement made of him in the resolutions attached to the above report. His statement was accordingly submitted, and, on a motion to receive it, the subject was discussed until the close of the morning session. After the opening of the afternoon session, the subject was resumed. The paper originally offered was, with permission of Synod, withdrawn, and another offered in its stead, which was received by a unanimous vote, and is as follows:

"I retract the publication of the words or language referred to in the report of the committee, which are deemed objectionable by this Synod, and regret, that they should have become the occasion of offence.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER."

October 24th, 1868.

An additional paper, qualifying the above retraction, was offered by the Rev. Dr. Bomberger; it was, however, laid on the table.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the opening of the afternoon session of the fourth day of the sessions, the death of the Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier was announced, as having occurred last night at his late residence in Shepherdstown, Virginia. The Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John C. Hensell, H. St. John Rinker and Elders Joseph Laubach and Daniel W. Gross were appointed a committee to report a minute in reference to this event. The Rev. John C. Hensell, Jacob O. Miller, and Henry Wissler were appointed a committee to attend the funeral on the part of Synod. The first named committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to report a minute on the death of the Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier, would offer the following:

This Synod has learned, during its sessions, with deep regret, of the death of Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier, a member of the Virginia Classis, an earnest, faithful and efficient minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, for more than thirty years, has, with much self-denial, in patience and under many afflictions, been devoting his powers of mind and body to the work of the ministry in the German Reformed Church. He has done his work nobly and well in the Church on earth, and has entered into his reward. The following resolutions are proposed for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod has, in the death of the Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier, lost a beloved and efficient member, and the Church an earnest and faithful minister.

Resolved, That the Synod expresses and hereby tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and family, under this sore affliction, and prays that God, who has promised to be a Husband to the widow, and the Father of the fatherless, may, by His Providence and grace, keep them unto the end.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be transmitted to the family.

E. V. GERHART,
H. ST. JOHN RINKER,
J. C. HENSELL,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
D. W. GROSS,
} *Committee.*

The second named committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, appointed by the Synod to attend the funeral of the late Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier from his late residence in Shepherdstown, Virginia, and to convey to his family the Christian sympathies and condolence of the Synod, report,

That we proceeded to Shepherdstown on the morning of the 26th of October, and attended to the duties assigned us in these sad offices. And, in the name of the Synod, we laid this worthy and lamented brother in his grave until the morning of the Resurrection, amid the sorrows and tears of members of his former charge, where he closed his eyes in the sleep of death, in the full expectation of a glorious immortality.

J. O. MILLER,
J. C. HENSELL,
HENRY WISSLER,
} *Committee.*

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last annual sessions to visit certain Female Seminaries, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year in Baltimore, to visit the Female Colleges at Allentown, Pa., and Tyrconnel, Md., to ascertain their condition and the terms on which they are willing to place themselves under the care of Synod, respectfully report as follows:

Your committee, through its individual members, have visited these institutions and found both of them in successful operation.

The Allentown Seminary, projected on a large and liberal scale in the growing city of Allentown, is under the general direction of a Board of Trustees, and the auspices of the East Pennsylvania Classis of the Reformed Church. The institution has already been opened,

with a corps of instructors at its head, and a reasonable number of pupils under their instruction. The property in the present use of the College is held on redeemable ground rent, at a rent of $1,400 per annum, with the privilege of purchase at any time. Two-thirds of the Trustees, by the charter, are required to be members of the Reformed Church, one-third to be appointed by the East Pennsylvania Classis, and the remainder by the Board itself. About $12,000 worth of stock has already been subscribed, and it is hoped that, with proper efforts, a working capital equal to the demands of the institution, can be secured in a comparatively short time.

The other Seminary, called St. Johns, at Tyrconnel, Frederick Co., Md., under the care of the Rev. George L. Staley, the committee visited through one of its members, and found it in successful operation. This institution is more of the character of a private Seminary, the building and grounds being in the possession of the Principal. The building and grounds are most beautifully situated, and are well adapted in every way for the purposes of a Female Seminary. The accommodations as yet, however, are sufficient for but a limited number of pupils. This Seminary is conducted strictly as a church school, and, in this respect, is in every way worthy of the patronage of the Reformed Church. The Principal has proved himself eminently qualified and adapted for the work he has undertaken. St. John's is really and avowedly a church or parochial school of the very best kind. Yet, in order to meet the pressing wants in the case, its buildings need to be greatly enlarged.

In view of these facts, the Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod recommend to the favorable consideration and patronage of the members of our Church, the select school for young ladies, known as St. John's, under the care of the Rev. George Lewis Staley, and located at Tyrconnel, Frederick county, Md., as an institution true and faithful to the spirit and genius of our Church.

Resolved, That Synod has learned with feelings of profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that the Female Seminary of Allentown, under the control and supervision of East Pennsylvania Classis, is projected on such broad and liberal scale.

Resolved, That the Allentown Female Seminary be commended to the favorable consideration and liberal patronage of the Church, not only in the way of furnishing it with pupils, but also of subscription to its stock.

THOS. G. APPLE.
GEORGE W. AUGHINBAUGH.

The committee appointed by the last annual Synod to consider the propriety of restoring the the apostolic office of Deaconesses, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to take into consideration the "propriety of restoring the apostolic office of Deaconesses," report

That, in view of all circumstances, they do not think it expedient to take any farther action on the subject at this time.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed by the last annual Synod to take measures to ascertain the author of a slanderous article published in the "American Church Missionary Register," submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod of Baltimore, to take measures to ascertain the author of a slanderous article, which appeared in the "American Church Missionary Register," respectfully report.

That they have had considerable correspondence with the Rev. F. S. Rising, the Editor of the publication in question, in regard to the authorship of the offensive article, which appeared in its columns, and regret to say, that, in the judgment of the committee, he has not manifested that candor and courtesy in the case, which they had a right to expect. At first, he impliedly expressed a willingness to disclose the name of the author, in case he could obtain his consent, and incidently indicated in one of his letters, that he resides in Philadelphia. In the last communication, however, received a few weeks ago, he positively declined to disclose the name of the author, and proposes, as what he regards the most proper course in the case, to publish a counter statement, which may be furnished him by a committee of Synod, if brief and free from personalities, an alternative which the Synod did not ask, and which, in the judgment of the committee, it cannot, in the circumstances, accede to, without compromising its dignity.

The committee, in view of all the circumstances of the case, feel called upon to offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of Synod, the Rev. Franklin S. Rising, editor of the "American Church Missionary Register," in refusing to furnish, at the respectful request of this Synod, the name of the author of the article published in his columns, seriously slandering this Synod, has been guilty of an additional breach of that courtesy, which is due to every respectable religious body, and, consequently, of conduct which must be regarded as highly censurable by all right-thinking men.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish him with a copy of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. R. FISHER,
SAMUEL H. GIESY, } *Committee.*
CHARLES SANTEE,

The following communication was received from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College and referred to the Committee on Nominations:

To the Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church, convened at Hagerstown, Md:

Dear Brethren:—You are hereby respectfully informed, that the term of office of the following members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, Dr. William Mayburry, George Gelbach, and A. Herr Smith has expired, and that it devolves on Synod at its present meeting to fill their places by a new election.

It may be proper for me to state, that since the college has been placed under the control of Synod, it has been making a steady and encouraging progress. The number of students in attendance during the past year was greater than the year before, and the number for the present will exceed that of the previous year. The accession of new students this fall has been larger than at the opening of any term since the removal of Marshall College and the consolidation of the two colleges in 1853.

The work of completing the endowment of the college has not progressed as rapidly as could have been desired. Thus far only a respectable beginning has been made. This is owing to various causes, the principal of which, probably, is, that the necessary agencies have not all been put into operation to secure the object in view. Only a small portion of the Church has as yet been called upon to give their contribution. Some plan like that proposed by the Classis of Lancaster, which will come before your body at its present session, seems to be called for to secure the general co-operation of our churches in the prosecution of this great work. It is probably the only additional legislation needed on this subject, and it is earnestly recommended to the enlightened attention of your honorable body.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

THEODORE APPEL,
Secretary of Board of Trustees of F. & M. College.

Lancaster, Oct. 19, 1868.

In connection with the election of delegates to Corresponding Bodies and of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, an election was held to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, when the following persons were elected for a term of ten years: Dr. William Mayburry and George Gelbach of Philadelphia and Frank Shrœder of Lancaster, Pa.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Lancaster requested Synod to take some action in reference to the endowment of the Franklin and Marshall College. The Committee of Overtures also reported a series of resolutions in relation to this subject, adopted by the same Classis. The subject was taken up on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions and fully discussed. In

this connection, Rev. Prof. Theodore Appel, agent for the College, was heard in reference to the general subject of endowing Franklin and Marshall College. After considerable discussion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Synod of York, two years ago, in view of the fact that the "control of Franklin and Marshall College was transferred to Synod, by vesting in it the exclusive right of electing the members of the Board of Trustees," acknowledged its obligations to raise at least $100,000 for the full endowment of the College; and

WHEREAS, Owing to various circumstances, only a portion of this amount has been realized, and it is now evident the requisite sum cannot be raised without further legislation by Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That the following plan be adopted for the purpose of reaching the end referred to in the foregoing preamble:

1. That our Pastors and Consistories be requested to devise measures immediately, to give each baptized member of the Church an opportunity to make a gift to the Church of *at least one dollar*, for the permanent endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, and the erection of necessary buildings.

2. That the different Classes be directed at their next annual meeting, or sooner if found convenient, to see whether this request has been attended to, and if not, to take such action as may reach the end aimed at, therein.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to furnish the Presidents of the several Classes with a copy of the above action.

In the same connection the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on the policy of our whole educational interests.

Resolved, That this committee consist of such members of the Faculties of the Theological Seminary, and of such Colleges and classical Institutions within the bounds of this Synod, and such members of their respective Boards of Managers, as may be present at this meeting of Synod, with Dr. Nevin as chairman.

This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on the question of a general educational policy of the Church, report:

That they have not been able to reach any common understanding on the subject, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

On the morning of the fourth day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, by permission of Synod, made a brief statement in reference to the nature and claims of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and the Widows of deceased Ministers."

On the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, Rev. John W. Lescher, Henry Hoffman, and Elders Joseph Snapp, David Fry, and John T. Ankenny, were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made to Synod. On the evening of the seventh day of the sessions, it was

Resolved, That this Synod will grant leave of absence to no delegate, except it be on account of sickness of himself, or some member of his family.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, which was received, amended and then adopted. The election was ordered to take place at the opening of the afternoon session of the following day. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. The election was held at the time appointed. The Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs and George L. Staley were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastor and Consistory of the First Reformed church of Hagerstown, Md., for the use of their church buildings during its present sessions, and also to the pastors and members of the two Reformed churches of the place, for the very kind and hospitable entertainment extended to its members, and that we invoke upon them, the continued blesssings of the Great Head of the Church.

Resolved, That the pastors of the two churches referred to in the above resolution, be requested to read it to their people from the pulpit, and have it published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of this Synod to the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Erie, Philadelphia and Reading, East Pennsylvania, Northern Central, and Baltimore and Ohio Rail Roads, for permitting its members to pass over their several roads at reduced fare.

The Roll was called and the following persons found absent without permission:

Rev. Daniel Gring, D. D. Leberman, Jared Fritzinger, John W. Lescher, Lewis C. Edmonds, Cyrus H. Reiter, and John Knie; and Elders Daniel Knauss, J. J. Hoffman, John Heilman, Christian D.

Zehring, Jacob Frownfeltter, Thomas Ingram, Hiram C. Hoover, Adam B. Wingerd, John Bowman, Henry Stouffer, C. M. Bousch, Geo. C. Welker, David Fry, and J. K. Runkle.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hereby censures the above named absentees, agreeably to the XXXV Article of her rules of order, and that the attention of their respective Classes be called to their cases, in connection with the request of Synod at her annual meeting in 1862, to the several Classes, to elect only such delegates as would remain at Synod until the close of her sessions.

The Minutes were read, adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet again in the German Reformed Church at Danville, Montour county, Pa., on Wednesday, October 19th, A. D. 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with the repetition of the Creed and Lord's Prayer, the singing of the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

THOMAS G. APPLE, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

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Joseph S. Dubbs, D D.,		Superannuated,													Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.
John Zuilch,	6	Jacob's, &c.,	1215	918	95	98		700			53	12			Steinsville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	4	Zeigel, &c.,	1200	850	140	79	5	1100	3		42	7		$526 05	Fogelsville, do do
J. Sassaman Herman,	8	Kutztown,	1600	1290	190	95		1300		20	50	11		213 81	Kutztown, Berks County, do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill,	700					750				6			Brodheadsville, Monroe Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua,	470	330	70	15	6	400		1	21	5		2057 40	Catasauqua, Lehigh do do
Andrew J. G. Herman,	7	Zion,	1020	950	95	26		700			28	11		223 71	Maxatawny, Berks do do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	535	370	67	26		420			15	6		214 86	Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa.
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	315	250	37	18	29	245		7	12	1	170	981 90	do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	620	507	52	18	9	482			17	1	403	1068 25	Easton, do do
Earnest W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	850	600	70	45		630			30	4		175 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
William R. Hofford,	2	South Whitehall,	625	500	50	57	2	495		1	16	8		660 75	Allentown, Lehigh do
George B. Dechant,	4	Hamilton,	375	300	26	23	2	250		4	15	5		113 11	Fennersville, Monroe do
Abr. Bartholomew,	5	Weissport,	625	550	152	97		484			56	9		270 68	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	First Ch., Allentown,	667	465	41	34	16	309		3	47	1	325	407 91	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robert Lisberger,	5	Kreidersville,	860	900	76	54		540		2	30	5	700	125 00	Kreidersville, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	830	730	98	98		726			31	7		161 25	Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	800	575	29	42	12	475		2	14	3	250	298 68	Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa.
Israel S. Weiss,	4	Mt. Bethel,	635	538	49	25	14	542		12	27	6		249 61	Stone Church Northampton do
J. C. J. Kurtz,	2	Tamaqua,	500	200	60	25		250			23	2		60 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Samuel A. Leinbach,	1	Egypt,	500	300	82	61		300			25	1		100 00	Laubach's, Northampton do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	Second Ch., Allentown,	234					203				1			Allentown, Lehigh do
David E. Schoedler,		Licentiate.													Bethlehem, Northampton do
Edmund A. Ludwig,															Wilkesbarre, Wyoming do
John Wolbach,															Nazareth, Northampton do
I. K. Loos, supply	1	Rittersville,	80	65		18	4	65		2	4	1	50	22 00	
D. F. Brendle, "	1	Salisbury,	65		5						4				
	1	South Eastern	60					20							

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Philip Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg,	340					260				3			Fredericksburg, Lebanon do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1400		210	112		1250			48	12	1000	$ 25 00	Reading, Berks do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	5	Schwartzwald, &c.,	850	725				800				6	400		do do do
Franklin W. Kremer,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	850	750	98	44	19	550		10	30	1	379	989 17	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Kline,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	700	375	89	21		500			46	6	300	59 89	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
William A. Good,		Without charge,			3						2			2 00	Reading, Berks do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	450	230	35	30	4	356		3	21	4	175	210 20	Annville, Lebanon do
Henry Wagner,		Without charge,													Lebanon, do do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	280		28	27	18	230		5	17	1	275	189 50	Reading, Berks do
Samuel Miller,	1	St. Clair, &c.,	140		6		9	130	4			2	160	50 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Thomas Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1200	500	126	70		1000			65	14			Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	1	Myerstown,	452	325	50	45	8	380		10	8	1	225	2850 00	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Vacant,	2	Jonestown,	285	230				200				2	125		
Herman Bokum,		Without charge,													Knoxville, Tenn.,
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1300		88	99	38	1050		4	62	1	600	3000 00	Reading, Berks Pa.
Thomas S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	120	88	14	8	1	100		2		1	130	1200 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	1100	750	77	55	30	975		15	26	4	325	200 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John Philip Stein,	3	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	375	175	41	12		200			10	2	200	165 90	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Vacant,	1	Pottsville,	174	75	27	9	24	150		2	4	1	130	77 50	
Eli E. Hiester,	3	Hanover,	240	189	13		1	172			2	3	125	12 00	Grantville, Dauphin do
	4	Minersville,	277	345				136				4	265		
Levi K. Derr,	1	St. Paul, Mahanoy City,	215	220	63	20	33	200		1	14	1	150	140 00	Mahanoy City, do do
Daniel B. Albright,	2	Orwigsburg,	312		17	12		130		2	15	2	140	129 00	
	1	Hamburg, Eman'l Ch.,	60					42			3	1	100	3 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
	2	Womelsdorf, Mt. Ætna,	375				10	310							
John A. Leis,		Without charge,													Stouchsburg, Berks, do

H. R. Nicks, Licentiate, Prof. Palatine College, Myerstown, Penn. Daniel Y. Heisler, Womelsdorf, Berks County, Penna.

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CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

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Philip Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg,	340					266				3			Fredericksburg, Lebanon do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1400		210	112		1250			48	12	1000	$ 25 00	Reading, Berks do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	5	Schwartzwald, &c.,	850	725				800				6	400		do do do
Franklin W. Kremer,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	850	750	98	44	19	550		10	30	1	379	989 17	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Kline,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	700	375	89	21		500			46	6	300	59 89	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
William A. Good,		Without charge,			3						2			2 00	Reading, Berks do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	450	230	35	30	4	356		3	21	4	175	210 20	Annville, Lebanon do
Henry Wagner,		Without charge,													Lebanon, do do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	280		28	27	18	230		5	17	1	275	189 50	Reading, Berks do
Samuel Miller,	1	St. Clair, &c.,	140		6		9	130	4			2	160	50 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Thomas Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1200	500	126	70		1000			65	14			Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	1	Myerstown,	452	325	50	45	8	380		10	8	1	225	2850 00	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Vacant,	2	Jonestown,	285	230				200				2	125		
Herman Bokum,		Without charge,													Knoxville, Tenn.,
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1300		88	99	38	1050		4	62	1	600	3000 00	Reading, Berks Pa.
Thomas S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	120	88	14	8	1	100		2		1	130	1200 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	1100	750	77	55	30	975		15	26	4	325	200 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John Philip Stein,	3	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	375	175	41	12		200			10	2	200	165 90	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Vacant,	1	Pottsville,	174	75	27	9	24	150		2	4	1	130	77 50	
Eli E. Hiester,	3	Hanover,	240	189	13		1	172			2	3	125	12 00	Grantville, Dauphin do
	4	Minersville,	277	345				136				4	265		
Levi K. Derr,	1	St. Paul, Mahanoy City,	215	220	63	20	33	200		1	14	1	150	140 00	Mahanoy City, do do
Daniel B. Albright,	2	Orwigsburg,	312		17	12		130		2	15	2	140	129 00	
	1	Hamburg, Eman'l Ch.,	60					42			3	1	100	3 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
	2	Womelsdorf, Mt. Ætna,	375				10	310							
John A. Leis,		Without charge,													Stouchsburg, Berks, do

H. R. Nicks, Licentiate, Prof. Palatine College, Myerstown, Penn.

Daniel Y. Heisler, Womelsdorf, Berks County, Penna.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

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Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German),	450	275	76	37	26	350		2	16	3	225	$136 50	York, York county, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Manheim,	350	500	25	57		320			15	5		97 45	Hanover, do do
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	300					260							York, do do
Daniel Riegel,	3	Dillsburg,	310	170	23	12		193			5	3			Dillsburg, do do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Paradise,	600	550	75	22		580		1	22	8		139 83	York, do do
William C. Bennet,		Without charge,													Boiling Springs, Cumb. do
David Bossler,		do													York, York do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	Trinity Church,	310		35	18	4	220				3			do do do
Daniel Gring,	4	Shrewsbury,	450	250	38	15	3	386			21	6		126 00	Shrewsbury, do do
William K. Zieber,	1	Hanover,	330	250	26	1	7	250		5	6	1	175	404 00	Hanover, do do
John Ault,	2	Mechanicsburg,	260	210	31	40	8	252	2	6	10	3	175	194 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. do
William F. P. Davis,	5	Abbottstown,	500		81	72		420			26	5		450 00	New Oxford, Adams do
William R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	440	264	42	17	10	417		8	23	2	170	96 00	Gettysburg, do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emmanuel's,	632	380	69	48	6	573		4	25	8		121 35	Codorus, York do
James A. Shultz,		Without charge,													Royersford, do
William D. C. Rodrock,	4	Duncannon,	95	65	10		7	92			2	2	100		Duncannon, Perry do
Ephraim Kieffer,	2	Sulphur Springs,	150	100	5	16		125			5	2		25 00	Carlisle, Cumb. do
David W. Wolff,	3	Conowago,	560	260	48	33	16	460		10	10	3		1 0 00	Arendtsville, Adams do
John A. Hoffheins,	1	Carlisle,	232	171	9	6	10	162		10	8	1	212	92 04	Pottsville, Cumb. do
Reinhard R. Smith,	5	Dallastown,	327	208	36	7	3	161		9	4			16 86	York, York do
John M. Clemens,	4	Christ's Church,	560	350	51	20	15	490		5	40	4		105 50	Littlestown, Adams do
William F Colliflower,	2	New Bloomfield,	170	110	10	12	5	160		3	4	2	125	65 00	New Bloomfield Perry do
Alexander S. Vaughan,	1	Third Church York,	80	90	2		40	60				1	104		York, York do
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	4	Landisburg,	342	300				292				3			Landisburg, Perry do
Samuel E. Herring,	2	Zion,	280	260	47	10	8	261		7	6	4	160	70 00	Blain, do do
Suppl'd by D. W. Wolf and W. F. P. Davis,	3	York Springs,	170					170							
do F. W. Vandersloot, R. Smith,	4	Trinity charge,	147	155	43	38		102			7	3		35 18	
do John Ault,	1	Filey's Cong,	47	50				45			1	1			
do Pastor of Zion's charge,	1	St. Andrew's Cong.,	30	35	4			22			3	1	70		
do W. F. Colliflower	1	St. John's Cong.,	50			4		41							

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Bener. Contriba's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Ev. Ref. Church,	495	480	66	32	10	445		3	50	2	450	$500 00	Frederick City, Md.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown	395	220	35	12	2	385		2	6	4	180	91 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., do
George L. Staley,		St. John's B. School,													Petersville, Frederick Co., do
John S. Foulk,	1	3d Church, Baltimore,	260	208	21	12	9	220		4	11	1	305	213 00	130 Mulberry St., Baltimore, do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Taneytown Charge,	508	346	40	53	3	400		1	3	3	150	80 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	370	340	39	19	1	350		9	3	1	250	280 00	Middletown, do " do
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st G. R. C., Baltimore,	131	110	14	24	10	123		25	10	1	250	560 00	208 N. Calvert St., Baltimore do
John W. Hoffmeier,	3	Manchester Charge,	375	100	46	14	2	315			11	2	125	75 00	Manchester, Carrol Co., do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg.	328	240	17	11	4	283		12	3	2	40	52 00	Emmittsburg, Frederick Co., do
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Church, Baltimore,	372	247	87	21	23	309	1	5	7	1	180	10 00	190 Bank St., Baltimore, do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	4	Mechanicstown,	285	232	40	26	7	255		4	6	2	100	106 00	Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., do
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	134	80	6	4	2	130			2	2	150	25 00	Clearspring, Washington Co., do
Jacob Pister,	1	4th Ch., Baltimore,	507		120	42	13	507		2	27	1	180	560 00	48 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do
John Voegelin,	1	6th Ch., do	204	114	50			80			1	1	100		485 Saratoga St., Baltimore, do
Henry I. Comfort,	1	Burkittsville,	87	51	8	8	4	68		2	2	1	99	45 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do
Simon S. Miller,	3	Jefferson,	317	326	17	14	1	295		1	4	3	175	85 16	Jefferson, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2	Hagerstown,	250	190	8	1	8	180			8	1	196	496 00	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
Abner R. Kremer,	4	Glade Charge,	416	320				380				4	360		Walkersville, Frederick Co., do
William C. Cremer,	2	Westminster,	440	200				340				2	300		Westminster, Carroll Co., do
Samuel Philips,	1	1st Eng. Ref. Church,	157	209	12	46	54	145			2	1	297	75 00	73 Aisquith St., Baltimore, do
John W. Ebbinghaus,	1	1st Ref. Church,	46	40	3	2		30			4	1	20		Washington City, D. C,
J. Caspar Hauser,	1	St John's Church,	110	112				99				1	70		Frederick City Md.
Henry L. Grandlienard,	1	Salem Church,	140		17		16	100		13	6			27 46	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
Vacant,	2	Boonsboro	126	83				100				2	120		
do	3	Mt. Moriah,	244	200				202				3	300		
Benjamin Schneider, D.D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria,
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,													Frederick City, Md.
C. Beecher Wolff,		Licentiate,													Baltimore City, do
William Ida,		Suspended,													

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Unconfir'd.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Henry Wissler,	1	Shepherdstown,	131	7	6		8	131		1	3	2	90	36 09	Shepherdstown, Va.
George H. Martin,	4	Woodstock,	270	21	30		9	250			2	2		19 71	Woodstock, do
William D. Lefevre,	1	Martinsburg,	182	16	14		9	152	2		1	1	142	18 93	Martinsburg, do
Henry St. J. Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	211	13	12			196			1	3		32 76	Edenburg, do
Mortimore L. Shuford,	2	Winchester,	70	4	11		2	70			1	1			Winchester, do
John C. Hensell,	5	Mt. Crawford,	284	12				217		2	2	4		88 00	Mt. Crawford, do
Daniel G. Bragonier,															Shepherdstown, do
Hiram Shaull, (supply,)	3	Edenburg,	202		10		3	202			2	4		12 00	Edenburg, do
Henry Getzendanner,	2	Middlebrook,	130	5	3		3	115			2	2		6 00	Frederick, do
Supplied by H. Wissler,	1	Lovettsville,	114	2				114						21 91	Shepherdstown, do

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Unconfir'd.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Lantz,	4	Newton,	110	32				110			2	1			Middlebrook, Va.
George William Welker,	3	Guilford,	296	41	20		6	296		1	4	2			Shaw's Mills, Guilford Co., N.C.
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Grace,	161	9	3	148	7	161		1	2	2			Lincolnton, do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	324					324				5			Salisbury, do
Philip A. Long,	4	L. Davidson,	280	26	10		4	280				4			Lexington, do
Thomas Long,	4	Up. do	178	5	6		3	178				1			Salem, do
J. W. Cecil,		Without charge,													Thomasville, do
John Ingle.	2	West Rowan,	235	18	16		5	235	3	2	5	2			China Grove, do
J. C. Denny,	1	Haw River,	123	21	21			123				1			Monticello, Guilford Co., do
J. C. Clapp,	1	Newton,													Newton, do
M. L. Hedrick,		Licentiate,													Lexington, do
Vacant	3	Catawba,													

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	Race Street,	313	188	10	12	21	226		30	5	2	203	$7852 66	No. 493 N. 4th St., Phila., Pa.,
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	714	500	204	59	58	700		24	60	2	425	424 00	No. 1230 N. 6th St., do do
John G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's	1850	600	507	134	85	1830		15	168	4	910	1464 50	No. 530 St. John St., do do
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	149	60	7	2	2	145			11	3	175	106 50	Chester Springs, Chester do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	141	65	3	1		100				1	60		
Alfred B. Shenkle,	1	East Vincent,	166	20	6	3	3	109			1	1	75	75 00	Trappe, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	Phœnixville,	49					22		7		1	50		
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	400	80	31	31	5	288		1	5	5	270	416 00	Vincent, Chester do
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,	147	39	3			147		1		1	75		Prospectville, Montgomery do
do supply,	1	St. Peter's,	61	27	7			54				1	100		
Samuel H. Giesy, D.D.,	1	Christ Church,	201	90	15	9	22	169		8	1	2	200	7000 00	No. 2043 Wallace St., Phila., Pa.
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem,	589	380	169	44	40	582		17	60	2	430	1643 00	No. 1304 Howard St., do
Jacob Dahlman, jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	158	159	19	16	21	123		18	5	1	125	2613 57	No. 413 N. 38th St., do
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	155	90	45	20	23	125		12	5	1	180		No. 2033 Girard Avenue, do
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Bethlehem,	64	52	12	4	6	64		9	3	1	36	28 33	Glassboro, New Jersey.
Daniel Gans, D.D.,	1	Ascension,	131	50	5	3	8	103		2	4	1	100	74 59	Norristown, Pa.
Albert G. Dole,	1	St. John's,	40	16	2	4	6	40		6	1	1	100		No. 408 N. 35th St., Phila., Pa.
D. Earnest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	80	125	11	18	39	78		1	2	1	170	224 50	No. 1433 N. 5th St., do
John C. Beinhauer,	1	Emanuel's,	105	74	13	10	4	98			4	1	75	54 76	No. 3210 Richmond St., do
Henry H. W. Hibschman,	2	Trappe,	245	50	7	5	2	160		2	4	2	150	100 00	Trappe, Montgomery, do
John Gantenbein,	1	St. Paul's,	112	115	42	17	9	69		8	7	1	100	36 00	1544 Christian St., Phila, do
Simon M. K. Huber,	1	Wentz's,	293	75	46	54	1	240			8	1	95	125 02	Kulpsville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Chas. G. Fisher, supply,	1	Boehm's	232	104	12	3	3	179		4	3	1	110	218 31	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., do
Vacant,	1	White Marsh,	122	47	4	6	1	110			2	1	130	57 75	White Marsh, do do
Vacant,	1	Egg Harbor,	67	40	7		7	27		2	3	1	40		Egg Harbor city, N. J.
Vacant,	1	Resur'n, Nicetown,													Nicetown, Phila., Pa.
Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'r,													No. 54 N. 6th St., do
Daniel Feete,		Agent Philadelphia Tract Society,													No. 321 Marshall St., do

Without charge,
- Charles Lukens, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.
- J. S. Ermentrout, Kutztown, Berks do
- G. D. Wolff, Norristown, Pa.
- Albert Helffenstein, Sr., Shamokin, Pa.
- F. W. Dechant, No. 1444 Camac St., Phila., Pa.
- Lewis C. Sheip, 3517 Haverford St., do

Without charge,
- A. Helffenstein, Jr., North Wales, Mont'y Co., Pa.
- S. Helffenstein, North Wales, Montg'y Co., Pa.
- Chas. W. Schultz, Camden, New Jersey.
- Henry Miller, Adamstown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
- George Leidy, Norristown, Pa.
- M. S. Rowland, North Wales, Pa.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Benj. S. Schneck, D.D.,	1	2d ch., Chambersburg,	42	48	8	4		38			1	1	20	$40 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	8	Woodcock Valley,	600	600	62	42	4	580		8	9	5	300	394 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	4	Bedford,	312	202	15	6	2	310		2	8	3	180	343 16	Bedford, Bedford do
Jacob Hassler,	2	Shippensburg,	270	205	12	8	2	262		4	4	2	110	123 00	Shippensburg, Cumberl'd do
William M. Deatrich,	4	Friend's Cove,	340	335	25	6	8	330		5	5	3	180	427 00	Charlesville, Bedford do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	251	260	18	15	12	235		3	6	1	76	216 09	Mercersburg, Franklin do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet,	349	290	28	13	2	325		4	4	3	160	975 76	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	4	Schellsburg,	380	275	31	25	1	350			9	3	200	190 40	Schellsburg, Bedford do
Adam C. Whitmer,	2	Altoona,	112	95	10	3	26	100			1	1	76	10 00	Altoona, Blair do
Peter S. Davis,	1	1st ch., Chambersburg,	336	200	13	18	8	284		9	3	1	276	1027 61	Chambersburg Franklin do
Calvin U. Heilman,	3	St. Clairsville,	826	702	81	25	3	672		34	24	7	320	625 23	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
Samuel N. Callender,	3	Greencastle,	430	370	30	13	6	320		4	9	3	150	998 00	Greencastle, Franklin do
Thos. G. Apple, D.D.,		Pres., Mercersb'g Coll.,													Mercersburg, do do
Elna. E. Higbee, D.D.,	1	Prof., Theolog'l Sem.,	58	24	2	14	10	58		17	1			61 84	do do do
Jacob B. Kerschner,		do													do do do
Henry W. Hoffmeier,	3	Yellow Creek,	200	200	13	3	2	190		11	2	1	90	132 75	Pattonsville, Bedford do
Wm. H. B. Shulenberger,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	215	150	12	6	6	200		3	5	2	100	21 50	St. Thomas, Franklin do
Vacant,	3	Waynesboro,	325	200	18	11	6	261		5	7	1	120	202 30	
do	2	Martinsburg,	194	124	14	20	3	176		3	6	1	45	319 00	
do	3	Huntingdon,	253	301	37	21	3	231		2	1	2	170	65 00	
do	3	McConnelsburg,	167	185				152				3	165	6 30	
do	2	Grindstonehill,	140	176	11		7	98		6	2	1	100	65 59	
do	2	Mont Alto,	110	65	24	22	9	92			1	2	300	93 62	
do	4	Strasburg,	135	218				118				1	25		
do	4	*Greenfield,													
John Rebaugh,		Superannuated,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
George R. Zacharias,		Without charge,												26 00	Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
George W. Glessner,		do													Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Joseph S. Loos,		do													Greencastle, Franklin do
John B. Kieffer,		Licentiate Professor in Mercersburg Col.													Mercersburg, Franklin do

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CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser,		Retired,													Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Tohickon,	1240		50	55		1035		10	34	15		$146 25	Sellersville, Bucks do
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	980	600	56	45	5	900		5	23	2	450	760 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,		Retired,			59	32	14	696		9	20	6		224 36	Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without charge,													Gilbertstown, Montg'y do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	265	155	25	14	10	279		17		2	80	170 50	Hilltown, Bucks do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	3	Pottstown,	1117	875	149	82	5	998		4	60	3	500	367 22	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	800	610	53	20		637		1	20	7	280	151 05	Bucksville, Bucks do
P. P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg	480		80	29		390			40	7		135 00	Oley, Berks do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	560	340	45	19	3	411			38	8		242 00	Frederick, Montgomery do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	5	Saucon,	900	750	130	52		880		2	48	11	650	360 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
S. M. K. Huber, supply,	2	Towamencin,	265	75	29	20	1	221		4	7	1	80	51 25	Kulpsville, Montgomery do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Upper Milford,	475	365	40	44	6	425			20	4		152 00	Shimersville, Lehigh do
George W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	158	95	16	11	1	140		4	5	2		102 00	Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	570	400	34	26	1	510		4	11	2	250	352 80	New Hanover, Montg'ry do
D. F. Brendle, supply,	1	Williams Township,	158	80	5			80		2		3		25 00	Bethlehem, Northampt'n do
N. S. Aller, supply,	1	New Hilltown,	77					77							Prospectville, Montg'ry do
Uriah H. Heilman,	1	Doylestown,													Doylestown, Bucks do
Amandus F. Ziegler,	4	Apple's,													Leithsville, Northampt'n do
Henry Hess,	2	Springfield,													Pleasant Hill, Bucks do
Isaac K. Loos, supply,	1	South Bethlehem,	45									1	80		Bethlehem, Northampt'n do

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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John F. Busche,	1	New York,	325		190	33	15	325				1	225		108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Lewis B. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	130	200	10	6	2	90			4	1			Boston, Mass.
Christopher Michel,	1	Rahway,	132		31	5	12	106		7	1	1	125	$48 00	Rahway, N. J.
C. Bank,	1	New Brunswick,	168	210	46		25	160			3	1	60		New Brunswick, N. J.
Maximilian Frankel,	2	Holyoke, South Hadley Falls,	225	45	42			120		3	4	1	45		Holyoke, Mass.
Adolph Rahn,	1	Newburgh,	110	9	22			34			3	1	65		Newburgh, N. Y.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,															No. 5 Bible House, N. Y. City.
Philip A. Schwartz,	1	Greenfield,													Greenfield, Mass.

CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Diedrich Willers,	3	Fayette,	86	25	38		1	68			15	2	70	$ 58 47	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
John B. Kniest,	1	Buffalo,	783	438	36	29		400			14	1	215	146 00	Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.
John Knie,	1	Ebenezer,	90		8	2		80				1	65	32 50	Ebenezer, Erie Co., N. Y.
H. Bentz,	1	Clarence,	50	35			20	50			2				Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y.
Edmund Erb,	1	Dansville,	126	30	4			45			5	1	20	17 22	Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y.
Theodore Cludius,	1	Rochester,	18		15	8		47				1	110	13 00	Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y.
Herman Bielfeld,	1	Preston,													Preston, Canada West.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		Without charge,													Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Daniel Hertz,	2	Ephratah,	289	67	22	35		210		10	15	3		$25 00	Ephratah, do do
Wm. T. Gerhard,	5	Bethany,	325	215	24	28		263		5	11	6		26 72	Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey,	3	Elizabethtown,	75		6	4	1	67		1	1	2			Lancaster, do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,	1	College church,	26		1		5	40		6				77 10	Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey,*	1	New Providence,	60		24	3		51			4	1			Lancaster, do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,													Lancaster, do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	450	450	54	17	4	350		7	15	1	389	650 00	Lancaster, do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Seminary,													Mercersburg, Penna.
Prof. Theo. Apple,		Prof. at College,													Lancaster, Penna.
Prof. Thos. C. Porter, D. D.,		do do													Easton, Northampton do
Isaac E. Graeff,		Without charge,													Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	306	223	14	8	2	152		4	8	1	170	89 70	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
John V. Eckert,*	1	New Providence,	70		4	3		52			2	1	100	24 00	Quarryville, Lancaster do
Edward H. Nevin,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	200		8		1	200		2	5	1	165		Lancaster, Lancaster do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	280	175	22	8	6	240		2	6	1	250	932 08	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
W. Aug. Gring,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	97	55	9	5	7	82		5	1	1	140	56 42	do do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. at College,													Lancaster, Lancaster do
Tilghman O. Stem,	2	Manheim,	94	42	1	6	3	73			2	1	85	53 80	Manheim, do do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	245	135	51	46	6	215			8	3	130	100 58	New Holland, do do
Lewis D. Steckel,	3	Millersville,	188	108	5	8		131		4	5	3	170	55 00	Ironton, Lehigh do
Samuel A. Leinbach,	2	Reamstown & Swamp,	340	260	34	19		219		1	6	1		25 00	Laubachs, Northampton do

* Supply.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

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Isaac Shellhammer,	6	Union,	280		67			95			9	6		$40 00	Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	215	200	63	16		200			10	1	70	38 43	Ashland, Schuylkill do
Nathan E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	375	215	41			212			19	5	400	15 00	Fisherville, Dauphin do
Jared Fritzinger,	8	Mahanoy,	475	400	63	24		380			19	8	300	100 00	Greenbrier, Northumb'd do
Henry Hoffman,	7	Conyngham,	550	375	49	36		320			14	5	200	165 82	Conyngham, Luzerne do
John W. Steinmetz,	4	Danville,	261	210	48	34	15	248		10	6	4	260	330 00	Danville, Montour do
Isaac Steely,	8	Mahontongo,	466	225	129	46		290			32	4	250	18 30	Rough & Ready, Sch'y'l do
Vacant,	4	Berrysburg,	290	300	40	24	3	260		3	10	4	200	205 34	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Jacob Kehm,	6	Uniontown,	580	500	81	42	1	520		3	30	6	300	340 52	Pillow, Dauphin do
Samuel H. Reid,	1	Milton,	175			20	8	160				1	160		Milton, Northumberland do
Elijah B. Wilson, *	4	Orangeville,	313	141				172							Forks, Columbia do
Albert Krahn,	4	Hazleton,	660	150	82	21		604		61	22	2	175	70 72	Hazleton, do do
A. R. Hottenstein,	5	North Susquehanna,	267	150		15	2	267			8	5		65 17	Berwick, do do
Henry Mosser,	3	Paradise,	353	195	36	30	43	313		7	5	5	300	411 35	McEwensville, Northb'd do
Wm. A. Haas,	4	Augusta,	400	260	42	24		220		2	7	3	200	56 58	Sunbury, do do
Franklin J. Mohr,†	2	Bloomsburg,	200	120				200							Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Casper Scheel,	3	Shamokin,	207	150	20			200			3	3	250		Shamokin, Northumb'd do
David W. Kelly,	3	Mount Zion,	580	325	33	18	16	327		19	6	3	150	203 40	Turbotville, do do
Vacant,§	3	Lykens,	50	80	10	15	12	50			2				
do	1	Sunbury,	150	130				120							Sunbury, Northumb'd do
do	3	Cherry,	235	160				160							
‡do	3	Catawissa,													

* Deceased. † Lately taken charge. ‡ D. P. Diehl, Licentiate, Danville, Montour Co., Pa. § Supplied during past year by F. J. Mohr.

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MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Adolph B. Caspar,		do													New Berlin, Union do
David G. Klein,	1	Eden,													Walker, Centre do
Wm. H Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	427	448	25	20	11	427		1	9	6		$481 51	Boalsburg, Centre do
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	412	400	99	60		412			21	5		61 51	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany Valley,	250	168	17	25		215		6	1	3	150	240 85	Walker, Centre do
Jacob Mayer,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	6	New Berlin,													New Berlin, Union do
John W. Lescher,	5	Selinsgrove,	386		32		10	329		15	16	4	290	53 25	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Lott Kryder Evans,	1	Williamsport,	80		2	4	12	53		2		1	70	15 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Aaronsburg,	330	215	18	24	2	230		9	4	2	150	31 20	Aaronsburg, Centre do
William G. Engle,	5	Rebersburg,	260		10	6	1	260			3	1		19 16	Rebersburg, Centre do
J. Caspar Bucher,		Without charge,													Lewisburg, Union do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,															Minersville, Schuylkill do
Vacant,	2	Lewisburg,	300	175	20	2	6	280		20	13	2	150	90 00	
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	298					234				1	147		Mifflinburg, Union do
Vacant,	4	Bellefonte,	112	50	12	5	6	100			1	5	80	49 90	
do	4	White Deer,													
Jos. H. Schlaeppig,	6	Liverpool,	226	58	31	17		171			6	5		14 36	Lykens, Dauphin do
Daniel M. Wolf,		Licentiate,													Lancaster, Penna.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick Wise,	2	St. John's,	102	148	12			90				1		$ 33 94	South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
Joseph G. Shoemaker,	4	Curllsville,	265	230	25	3		250			6	4	200	260 63	Curllsville, Clarion do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	80	75	9	6	2	56			2	1	40	57 71	Rimersburg, do do
William C. Houpt,	3	Tylersburg,	90	81	8	1		70			1	1	45	39 00	Lineville, do do
David O. Shoemaker,	4	St. Petersburg,	500	450	45	30		450			4	6	350	240 00	Jefferson Furnace, do do
Josiah J. Pennepacker,	4	Kittanning,	277	237	45	30	2	249			8	4	200	115 45	Rural Valley, Armstrong do
Louis Christ,	4	Luthersburg,	320					240							Troutville, Clearfield do
Vacant,*	2	South Bend,	140	137				121			1	1	100	59 90	
Vacant,*	1	Kittanning Mission,	14					14							
Vacant,*	4	Redbank,	300	200	27			200			7	4	150		

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CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick Pilgram,	5	Shenango,	588	424	24	30		487		6	14	5	361	$281 61	Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Stepler,	3	Sharon,	190	225	32	15		165			5	1	50	110 00	Sharon, Mercer do
Jeriah S. Shade,	2	Fairview,	397	209	41	19	9	354			3	2	125	371 97	Adams, Armstrong do
Erasmus H. Dieffenbacher,	2	Mercer,	114	82	7	5	6	98		4	3	2	70	78 34	London, Mercer do
John Kretzing,	4	Zions,	160	135	24	14	5	135		1	4	3	150	96 79	Cochranton, Crawford do
Chr. A. Limberg,	2	Butler,	114	123	22	13	10	106		11	2	2	109	110 94	Butler, Butler do
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher,	1	Greenville,	120	85	13	12	16	106		5	1	1	80	178 00	Greenville, Mercer do
David B. Ernst,	2	Saegertown,	136		31	19	2	110		6	5	2	160		Saegertown, Crawford do
William M. Landis,	3	Harmony,	220	214	20	25	4	179	1	1	5	1	130	237 41	Harmony, Butler do
George B. Russell,		Book Editor,													54 N. 6th Street, Phila. do
Lawrence D. Leberman,		Corresponding Sec. of Board of Home Mis.													Reading, Berks do
D. D. Leberman,	1	Meadville,	195	75	15			90		1	4	1	40	19 55	Meadville, Crawford do
Vacant.	1	Titusville,*	60	49				34							
Vacant,	2	Watson Run,*	300	150				277							
Vacant,	2	Petersburgh,†	93	104	7	25	4	80	1	1	2	2	58	43 25	
Walter E. Krebs,	1	All Souls,	66	56	12	5	2	62		5	1	1	65	700 00	Allegheny City do
Abner Dale,		Without charge,													Slippery Rock, Butler do
Philip Zeiser,		do.													Hamburg, Mercer do

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excomm'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.
East Pennsylvania,	25	76	15,381	11,188	1,484	954	99	11,386	3	54	560	123	1,898	$7,929 97
Lebanon,	24	59	11,495	4,977	985	564	195	9,127	4	54	373	72	5,204	9,303 16
Zion,	25	73	8,172	5,003	786	485	169	6,867	2	70	259	74	1,516	2,294 71
Maryland,	27	47	6,697	4,448	646	341	169	5,741	1	83	166	42	4,397	3,280 62
North Carolina,	11	28	1,707	148	152	76	25	1,707	3	4	13	18		
Virginia,	9	23	1,594		80	86	34	1,447	2	3	14	19	232	235 40
Philadelphia,	34	31	6,584	3,046	1,187	455	366	5,788		167	362	39	4,384	22,514 49
Mercersburg,	22	66	6,045	5,225	464	275	120	5,382		120	108	47	3,163	6,364 15
Goshenhoppen,	17	51	8,090	4,355	771	449	46	7,679		62	326	74	2,370	3,239 43
New York,	8	8	1,090	464	341	44	54	835		10	15	6	520	48 00
Lancaster,	21	31	3,045	1,730	279	190	35	2,345		47	89	26	1,599	2,115 40
E. Susquehanna,	17	89	7,082	4,286	804	365	100	5,318		105	202	65	3,215	2,060 63
W. Susquehanna,	17	55	3,081	1,514	266	163	48	2,711		53	74	35	1,037	1,056 74
Clarion,	7	29	2,088	1,558	171	70	4	1,740			29	22	1,085	806 63
St. Paul's,	15	31	2,753	1,931	248	182	58	2,283	2	41	49	23	139	2,227 86
West New York,	7	9	1,153	528	101	39	21	690			36	6	480	267 19
Total,	286	706	86,057	50,391	8,765	4,738	1,513	71,046	17	873	2,675	691	31,239	$63,744 38
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes,	130	316	20,069	11,601	2,000	1,261	595	17,426	102	331	535	217	10,470	18,349 44
North Western Synod, 7 Classes,	89	159	9,357	6,194	1,041	435	657	7,512	45	147	310	83	2,726	5,190 27
Total, 3 Synods, 31 Classes,	505	1181	115,483	68,186	11,806	6,434	2,795	95,984	164	1351	3,520	991	44,435	$87,284 09

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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German Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Danville, Montour County, Pa., in the month of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine. The sessions commenced on the evening of the Twentieth, and continued until the afternoon of the Twenty-Seventh day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. Jacob O. Miller was appointed President *pro tempore* The sessions were then opened with religious exercises, after which the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, from Ephesians vi. 10—20. *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. J. C. Julius Kurtz, Martin A. Smith, and Samuel A. Leinbach.[1]

Elders.—Honorable Joseph Laubach, Thomas Deshler, and Owen L. Schreiber.[1]

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Daniel B. Albright, Jonathan E. Hiester, Samuel Miller,[2] John P. Stein and Charles H. Leinbach.[3]

Elders—Daniel Small,[3] and Jacob Albert.[3]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, William F. Colliflower, David W. Wolf, Jacob O. Miller, and William C. Bennet.[4]

Elders.—William A. Wilt, John Hager, Henry Wirt, and John P. Hassler.[5]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. Marcus Bachman, Simon S. Miller, Abner R. Kremer, J. Spangler Kieffer, and William C. Cremer.[6]

Elders.—John Rodenmayer, Jonathan W. Earhart, Daniel Stockman, and Joshua Motter.[7]

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, Albert G. Dole, D Earnest Klopp, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., G. Dering Wolff, and Charles G. Fisher.

Elders.—George Geatril and Christian Schmidt.[8]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. William D. Lefevre and Henry Wissler.

Elders. * * * *

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[1] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[2] Was superseded on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions by the primarius, the Rev. William M. Reily.

[3] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

[4] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[5] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

[6] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions.

[7] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

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VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. P. Seibert Davis,[1] John W. Love, Isaac G. Brown, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Samuel N. Callender.
Elders.—Henry P. Diehl, George H. Mengel, and Adam B. Wingerd.[2]

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. David Rothrock[2] and Amandus F. Ziegler.[2]
Elders.—Tobias Worman[3] and John Mohr.[2]

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John F. Busche.
Elder.—John Lutz.

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Samuel Kuhn, Dr. John W. Nevin, William T. Gerhard,[4] and F. Pilgram.[4]
Elders.—Abraham Peters and Daniel W. Gross.[2]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Rev. Frederick Wise and Joseph H. Apple.
Elder.—Daniel Davis.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Rev. William M. Landis, John B. Poerner, and Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher.[5]
Elders. * * * * * * *

XIV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. John W. Lescher, Franklin J. Mohr, and Samuel H. Reid.[6]
Elders.—David Dieffenbacher, and Charles Newhard.[4]

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[1] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions.
[2] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.
[3] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.
[4] Took their seats on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.
[5] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
[6] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the last day of the sessions.

XV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. L. Kryder Evans, George E. Addams, and Uriah H. Heilman.
Elders.—Charles Krebs and John Moyer, Jr.[1]

XVI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

Rev. John B. Kniest,[2]
Elders. * * *

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America.—Rev. John B. Thompson.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. W. J. Eyer.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—* * * * * *.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. Isaac E. Graeff.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. David Bossler.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach and George L. Staley.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Giesy and Dr. Samuel R Fisher, and Elder J. David Miller.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. Calvin U. Heilman and Adam C. Whitmer.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Henry Mosser, David W. Kelly, Jared Fritzinger, Jacob Kehm, William A. Haas, Alfred Houtz, and Elder Jacob Sechler.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, Lewis C. Edmonds, William G. Engel, Tilgham J. Seiple, and Cyrus H. Reiter.

From the Classis of Iowa.—Rev. Cyrus Cort.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced during the sessions: Rev. Mr. Rhoads, of the Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. F. Hodgson, and Rev. James H. McCord, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., was chosen *President.*

Rev. Daniel Gans, D. D., was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.*

Rev. Marcus Bachman, was continued as *German Clerk.*

Elder Henry Wirt, was continued as *Treasurer.*

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[1] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
[2] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The President defined the bar of the house, as required by the Rules of Order. The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The *Morning Sessions*, to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.

The *Afternoon Sessions*, to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Isaac G. Brown, Daniel B. Albright, T. Frank Hoffmeier, Dr. Daniel Gans, and Elders John Rodenmayer and Christian Schmidt.

Overtures.—Rev. P. Seibert Davis, D. Earnest Klopp, Samuel Kuhn, and Elders David Dieffenbacher and Daniel Davis.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. John F. Busche, Martin A. Smith, John B. Poerner, and Elders Henry Wirt and Thomas Deshler.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Samuel H. Reid, L. Kryder Evans, and Elders George H. Mengel and William A. Wilt.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Jacob O. Miller, William D. Lefevre, and Elders Tobias Worman and Abraham Peters.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. George D. Wolff, Jonathan E. Hiester, John W. Lescher, Franklin J. Mohr, and Elders Jacob Albert and John Hager.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, J. C. Julius Kurtz, Abner R. Kremer, Samuel N. Callender, and Elders Daniel Small and Charles Krebs.

Missions.—Rev. William F. Colliflower, John P. Stein, Simon S. Miller, and Elders Joseph Laubach and Henry P. Diehl.

Finance.—Rev. George E. Addams, Henry Wissler, Albert G. Dole, and Elders Daniel Stockman and George Geatril.

Nominations. Rev. William C. Cremer, John W. Love, David W. Wolff, and Elders Jonathan W. Earhart and William A. Wilt.

Publication.—Rev. Joseph H. Apple, William M. Landis, J. Spangler Kieffer, and Elders Henry P. Diehl and Charles Krebs.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and two copies of the Minutes of

the last Annual Sessions of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, Clarion, St. Paul, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and West New York, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received, read and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary, except that portion of the former relating to the removal of the Seminary, which was referred to a special committee.

4. The annual report of the Trustees of Synod accompanied with the Treasurer's report, and a report from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the latter to the Committee on Nominations, except that portion of the latter tendering a donation of land at Lancaster for the use of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to a special committee.

4. The annual report of the Board of Publication and the report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Hausfreund," were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. Statements from the Treasurers of Home Missions and the Church Extension Fund and a copy of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and of a monthly publication entitled "The Gospel Field," were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. Sundry other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom had been referred the Minutes of the last annual sessions of this Synod, together with the Minutes of the last triennial sessions of the General Synod, submitted their report. It was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod respectfully report the following items, claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, page 22. Appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 2, pages 40 and 41. The appointment of a committee to procure funds for a monument to Dr. Harbaugh.

Item 3, page 40. A request from Synod to the various Classes to increase their contributions for beneficiary education.

Item 4, page 42. Resolutions of Synod in regard to the removal of the Seminary.

Item 5, page 44. The Board of Trustees of the Seminary are authorized to appoint an agent to raise the amount needed to complete the Tercentenary Professoral Fund.

Item 6, page 53. Synod enjoined upon all her Pastors to take up special collections for Missions between the meeting of Synod and Christmas.

Item 7, page 72. The appointment of a committee to attend to the interests of our Church at Washington, D. C.

Item 8, page 73. A resolution committing the subject of our interest in certain church-property in Cumberland County, Pa., to the officers of Zion's Classis.

Item 9, page 85. The Board of Publication is authorized to take measures to secure its own house, and also to appoint an agent to raise the necessary funds.

Item 10, page 87. The report on Lay-Baptism is deferred to this Synod.

Item 11, page 89. A committee was appointed to report on the question: What relation do Elders sustain to Pastors? of which Dr. Nevin is Chairman.

Item 12, page 89. Instructions to the delegate to the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania to call the attention of that body to the action of one of its ministers, in receiving certain persons into his church, who were under suspension in one of our congregations.

Item 13, page 97. The different Classes are directed to take measures to bring the One-Dollar Scheme into operation.

Item 14, page 86. Synod enjoins upon pastors to make earnest efforts to secure a large circulation of the authorized Church periodicals, and that the Classes at their next meeting require a statement from each pastor whether he has attended to this injunction.

Item 15, page 42. The officers of Synod were instructed to inform the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans of his election as Professor in the Theological Seminary, and make out a call to him.

Item 16, page 69. The action of Synod enjoining upon Philadelphia Classis to revoke certain actions and strike certain matter from their Minutes.

Item 17, page 69. Action of Synod prohibiting Philadelphia Classis to organize and locate another church within six squares of Christ Reformed Church.

Item 18, page 70. Action of Synod authorizing and directing the President of Synod to visit Christ Reformed church, Philadelphia, and explain to them the action of Synod.

Item 19, Minutes of General Synod. A resolution declaring the "Order of Worship" to be a book proper to be used in the congregations and families of our Church.

Respectfully submitted, ISAAC. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

For the reports of the delegates called for in item 1, and the result of the action of Synod reported in item 12, see Article IX, Corresponding Bodies. For the reports of the committees called for in items 2 and 7, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; for the result of the action of Synod reported in items 3, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16 and 17, see Article X, Minutes of Classes; in items 4, 5 and 15, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; in item 9, see Article XIX, Publication; in items 10, 11, 18 and 19, see Article XX, Church-Government.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report the following:

Item 1 A letter from Mrs Lucinda Wilson, widow of the Rev. Elijah B. Wilson, asking for aid.

Item 2. A petition from certain ministers and others, in regard to the formation of German Classes, and calling attention to the action of Philadelphia Classis on the subject.

Item 3. A petition from Clarion, St. Paul's, West New York and Westmoreland Classes, relating to the formation of a District Synod.

Item 4. A communication from the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, calling attention to its work.

Item 5. A letter from Rev. Louis B. Schwarz, asking for pecuniary aid for a church-building in Boston.

P. S. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on items 2 and 3, see Article XX, Church-Government, and on items 4 and 5, see Article XIV, Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully report,

That they have examined the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and the Acts and Proceedings

of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the documents referred to them, and find nothing calling for action from this Synod. They have only to notice the fact, that our delegates attended the sessions of these bodies respectively, the former of which met in Reading, Pa., and the latter in Philadelphia, in June last. The Rev. John B. Thompson was appointed delegate from the latter body to this Synod. It also holds its next annual sessions in Newark, N. J., on the first Wednesday in June, 1870. The matter in regard to the St. Clair congregation was brought to the attention of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium by our delegate, and was disposed of in a courteous and favorable manner.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN F. BUSCHE, *Chairman.*

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America, attended the sessions of that body, convened in Philadelphia on the 2d of June last, and was kindly welcomed, and treated with Christian courtesy while in attendance. The discussions were animated and interesting, and everything seemed to indicate, that our sister Church is prosperous and growing.

We were particularly impressed with the fact, that there is a disposition, gaining strength gradually yet surely, to bring into clearer distinctness the original Reformed genius of the Church, and in this respect evincing a tendency toward a more inward and congenial alliance with us, than with the other Reformed denominations, not standing, as do we, upon the Heidelberg Catechism or their confessional base.

In our salutation and parting address, we endeavored to show the intimate historical relations, binding our two Churches together, and to point out the necessity of efforts by both to reach such an apprehension of our common original Reformed position, as would serve to open the way for a closer union. Our remarks were kindly and ably responded to by the President of the Synod, who charged your delegate to bear to the German Reformed Church the Christian regards and sympathies and good wishes of the Synod which he represented.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. HIGBEE.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:—

The undersigned, delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, respectfully reports:

That he attended the 122d Annual meeting of that body held in the city of Reading during Trinity week in May last. He was cor-

dially received, and in taking leave of the Ministerium, was directed to carry back its fraternal greetings to this Synod.

In conformity with the instructions given him, your delegate called the attention of the Ministerium to the action taken by this Synod on the complaint of Lebanon Classis, but regrets to add, that death in his pastoral field summoned him home before the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches reported. From the published proceedings of the Ministerium, however, it will be seen, that the request of this Synod was responded to in a fraternal spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH.

III. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. Benjamin Bausman, *primarius*, and Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Samuel N. Callender, *primarius*, and Rev. Isaac G. Brown, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. J. C. Julius Kurtz, *primarius*, and Rev. Martin A. Smith, *secundus*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. W. J. Eyer, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, appeared in Synod on the morning of the second day of the sessions, and laid on the table two copies of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of the Ministerium.

Rev. John B. Thompson, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, appeared in Synod on the morning of the third day of the sessions, and laid on the table, a copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod at its last annual Sessions; and also a copy of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and of a Monthly publication issued by the Board, entitled "The Gospel Field." On the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, he took his leave of Synod in a pertinent address, which was appropriately responded, to by the President.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reports as follows:

I. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CLASSES.

Item 1. The requests and recommendations of Synod to the several Classes, concerning increased contributions to Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, the formation of Committees on Missions; the circulation of the official periodicals of the Church; the carrying out of Synod's plan for the increase of the endowment of Franklin and Marshall Col-

lege, received the notice and the favorable action of the Classes, except the North Carolina Classis, who does not feel able to contribute anything to the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, in consequence of her own pressing necessities, and also that believing the views of doctrines taught in and going forth from the institutions of the Church, to be subversive of the doctrine of the Reformed Church, and vitiating the simplicity of Christian life, cannot advise members of her churches to contribute to such purpose; and the Classis of Philadelphia except in so far as their conformity to the requests and orders of Synod are affected by the appeals they have taken; and also the West New York Classis adopts the Dollar scheme with the earnest request, that the Synod secure the interests of the German language.

2. In the matter of church property in Cumberland Valley referred to the officers in Zion's Classis by Synod, said officers report to their Classis, that no legal title can be successfully affirmed in the premises.

II. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Philadelphia Classis approves the action of its President in giving notice of appeal to the Synod at Hagerstown, in the matter of the appeal cases concerning Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Philadelphia, and from the final action of the Synod on the whole case, and adopted reasons therefor.

2. Rev. George D. Wolff gave notice to Philadelphia Classis of complaint to Synod, in the matter of permitting Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., to make some personal statements.

3. Revs. George D. Wolff, Dr. Samuel R Fisher, Dr. Daniel Gans, Dr. Samuel H. Giesy, and Elder Charles N. Brock, gave notice to Philadelphia Classis of complaint to Synod, in the matter of referring the statements of Dr. Bomberger to a committee.

4. Clarion Classis disclaims all intention of pledging itself for $1000 to the Book Fund, as stated on the 79th page of the Minutes of last Synod.

5. Elder William G. King gave notice to Clarion Classis of complaint on the part of South Bend congregation to Synod, but the minutes do not state against what action the complaint is made.

6. Lancaster Classis notices an error committed by Synod in recording the absence without leave, of Elder Henry Stauffer, whereas, according to action, page 13 of her Minutes, he had leave of absence.

III. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Philadelphia Classis laying a paper upon the table without stating in their minutes the purport of said paper.

2. The action of Philadelphia Classis with reference to the action of Synod at Hagerstown in the case of Dr. Bomberger, and calling the attention of the General Synod to the matter, and in appointing a committee to present it to said Synod.

3. Philadelphia Classis decided a case of discipline in suspending Rev. John C. Beinhauer from the office of the ministry, after hearing the evidence, without hearing his plea, and in his absence.

4. Maryland Classis in not recording the report of a committee in the matter of the Emanuel congregation.

5. New York Classis in electing Rev. J. Eipperly, a secundus delegate to both this and the General Synod, before his reception was approved by Synod.

6. New York Classis in not recording the reading and adoption of her minutes.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis does not state in her minutes, whether the delegate Elders presented their credentials at the organization of her annual meeting.

8. West New York Classis does not record the presentation of credentials by her delegate Elders.

9. Lebanon Classis does not record the circular for a special meeting held Nov. 18th, 1868.

IV. REQUESTS, REFERENCES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to reiterate its action in directing all ministers of the Church, to connect themselves with the Classis, within whose bounds they may reside, and enjoin immediate compliance.

2. Philadelphia Classis requests and recommends this Synod to form a German Classis out of the German members of that Classis, and to request the General Synod to take measures to secure a change in the Constitution, so as to permit German Classes to be formed within the geographical limits of other Classes.

3. Philadelphia Classis requests this Synod to inquire into the cause of the small attendance of students in Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, and the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg.

4. West New York Classis requests Synod to release her from the payment of her indebtedness to the Contingent Fund, inasmuch as her Treasurer had remitted the amount to the former Treasurer of Synod, which failed to reach him.

5. Same Classis requests to be dismissed to the District Synod to be formed, and prays this Synod to request the General Synod to form a District Synod out of the Classes of Clarion, St. Paul's, West New York, and Westmoreland of the Synod of Ohio. St. Paul's and Clarion Classes also request to be dismissed for the purpose of forming this District Synod.

6. West New York Classis earnestly requests Synod to make the study of the German language obligatory in our College, and to fill the German Professorship in our Seminary, in which case she will do her duty according to her ability.

7. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to furnish one half of her quota of Minutes of Synod in the German language.

8. Same Classis requests Synod to express an opinion, at this meeting, in regard to the validity of Lay-Baptism.

9. West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to remove the censure upon those of her delegates, who were absent at the last calling of her

roll, and that she will take proper care hereafter to send only such delegates, as will remain until the close of the sessions.

10. Same Classis requests, that if certain brethren do not cease from their wilful and unjust opposition to the actions and decisions of the several Synods, this Synod call such of them as are amenable to her to account, according to the Constitution of the Church and the word of God.

11. Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to remove the censure imposed upon Elders A. B. Wingerd and John Bowman, for absence at last calling of roll at Hagerstown, Md., they having rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence to Classis.

12. Same Classis requests Synod to disapprove of the efforts being made through certain irregular publications to discourage and interfere with the circulation of the authorized publications of the Church.

13. Philadelphia, East Susquehanna, Zion's, St. Paul's, and West New York Classes, excused their delegates for absence at last calling of roll of Synod at Hagerstown.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, DISMISSED, SUSPENDED OR DEPOSED.

1. Maryland Classis ordained the licentiate Henry L. Grandlienard; struck from the list of its members the name of Rev. William Ida;—received Rev. Jacob Hassler from the Classis of Mercersburg, and the Rev. William A. Gring from the Classis of Lancaster.

2. Philadelphia Classis dismissed Rev. Alfred B. Shenkle to the Classis of Lancaster; received Rev. Otto Meerwein, and the Reformirte Jerusalem's church from the Classis of Philadelphia, of the Reformed Church in America; Licensed A. H. Dotterer, of the Theological Seminary, and dismissed him to the Classis of East Susquehanna. Dismissed Rev. Henry H. W. Hibschman to the Classis of Mercersburg; received the Rev. Charles Becker from the Classis of Cayuga, of the Reformed Church in America, and suspended Rev. John C. Beinhauer.

3. New York Classis received Rev. K. Bruner, formerly missionary in India, Rev. John Eipperle, formerly missionary in Africa; dismissed Rev. Christopher Michel to the Newark Presbytery, and Rev. Adolph Rahn and the Reformed church in Newburg, N. Y., to the North River Presbytery; received Rev. John S. Ebaugh from the Reformed Church in America, and licensed E. M. Shultz from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis dismissed Rev. L. Cort to the Classis of Mercersburg, Rev. Uriah H. Heilman to the Classis of West Susquehanna; restored Mr. Simon K. Gross to the Christian ministry, and received the Ridge Valley charge again under its jurisdiction.

5. St. Paul's Classis dismissed Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman to Lebanon Classis, Rev. George B. Russell to Philadelphia Classis; received Rev. Frederick Wahl from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. John B. Poerner from the Classis of Lebanon.

6. East Pennsylvania Classis dismissed Licentiate John Wolbach to East Susquehanna Classis.

7. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. John W. Lescher, C. F. Hoffmeier, and Joseph Schlaeppig, from West Susquehanna Classis, the Licentiate John Wolbach from East Pennsylvania Classis, and ordained him; the Licentiate A. H. Dotterer from Philadelphia Classis, and ordained him; Licentiate Alfred Houtz from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him; and dismissed Rev. Nathaniel E. Bressler to Lancaster Classis.

8. Lebanon Classis received Rev. Isaac E. Graeff from Lancaster Classis, and Rev. John H. Hoffheins from Zion's Classis; and dismissed Rev. John B. Poerner to St. Paul's Classis.

9. Mercersburg Classis received Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart and Lewis D. Steckel from Lancaster Classis; Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler from Lebanon Classis; Dr. Moses Kieffer from the Presbytery of Huron, Ohio. Dismissed Rev. Cyrus Cort to Iowa Classis, and Rev. Jacob Hassler to Maryland Classis; received Rev. Henry H. W. Hibschman from Philadelphia Classis, and ordained Licentiates Jacob B. Kershner and William C. B. Shulenberger.

10. Zion's Classis received Rev. Frederick Fox from the Presbytery of San Francisco, also received his congregation under her jurisdiction, and licensed Edward O. Forney of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and ordained Licentiate T. Frank Hoffmeier.

11. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. Lewis D. Steckel and Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart to Mercersburg Classis; Rev. William A. Gring to Maryland Classis. Received Rev. Alfred B. Shenkel from Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. Nathaniel E. Bressler from East Susquehanna Classis.

12. North Carolina Classis dismissed Rev. Thornton Butler to Illinois Classis, and Rev. John Lantz to Virginia Classis.

13. Virginia Classis dismissed Rev. Henry Getzendanner to Miami Classis.

14. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Uriah H. Heilman from Goshenhoppen Classis; dismissed Rev. John W. Lescher and Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier to East Susquehanna Classis.

15. Clarion Classis licensed and ordained John F. Wiant.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

1. West New York Classis meets on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1870, at 7½ P. M., in Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Herman Bielfeld, President, and Rev. John Knie, Secretary.

2. Maryland Classis meets on Thursday before Ascension day, 1870, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Westminster, Carroll county, Md.; Rev. Wm. Goodrich, President; and Rev. Simon S. Miller, Stated Clerk.

3. Philadelphia Classis meets on Friday after Whitsunday, June 10th, 1870, at 8 P. M., in Pleasantville, Bucks county, Pa.; Rev. Albert G. Dole, President, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Stated Clerk.

4. New York Classis meets on Tuesday after Whitsunday, 1870, at

8½ P. M., in St. John's Reformed church, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John F. Busche, President, and Rev. C. Bank, Secretary.

5. Goshenhoppen Classis meets on Thursday before Ascension day, 1870, at 7 P. M., at Durham Church, Bucks county, Pa.; Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, President, and Rev. Andrew J. G. Dubbs, Stated Clerk.

6. St. Paul's Classis meets Wednesday before Ascension day, May 25th, 1870, at 8 P. M., at Harmony, Butler county, Pa ; Rev. William M. Landis, President, and Rev. John Kretzing, Stated Clerk.

7. East Pennsylvania Classis meets in Dry Land church, Northampton county, Pa., Tuesday before Ascension day, 1870, at 2 P. M.; Rev. William A. Helfrich, President, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Stated Clerk.

8. East Susquehanna Classis meets at Milton, Pa., the first Friday after Whitsunday, 1870, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. Henry Mosser, President, and Rev. William A. Haas, Secretary.

9. Lebanon Classis meets at Host's church, Berks county, Pa., Thursday after Whitsunday, 1870, at 2 P. M.; Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, President, and Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester, Stated Clerk.

10. Mercersburg Classis meets in Schellsburg, Bedford county, Pa., May 19th, 1870, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. John W. Love, President, and Rev. William M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

11. Clarion Classis meets in Salem church, Clarion county, Pa., the last Thursday in May, 1870, at 10 A. M.; Rev. Frederick Wise, President, and Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, Stated Clerk.

12. Zion's Classis meets at Jefferson, York county, Pa., the 3d Friday in May, 1870, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. Ephraim Kieffer, President, and Rev. William R. H. Deatrich, Stated Clerk.

13. Lancaster Classis meets at Columbia, Pa., the 3d Friday in May, 1870, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. Samuel Kuhn, President, and Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Stated Clerk.

14. North Carolina Classis meets in Mt. Zion church, Rowan Co., N. C., on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in May, 1870, at 10 A. M.; Rev. Jeremiah Ingold, President, and Rev. George W. Welker, Stated Clerk.

15. Virginia Classis meets in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1870, at 7½ P. M.; Rev. William D. Lefevre, President, and Rev. H. St. John Rinker, Stated Clerk.

16. West Susquehanna Classis meets at Aaronsburg, Centre county, Pa., on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1870, at 7 P. M.; Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter, President, and Rev. L. Kryder Evans, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the Appeals and Complaints, see Article XVII., Complaints; for the action of Synod on Irregularities, Nos. 2 and 3, See Article XX., Church Government. The judgment of the Committee in reporting the remaining items under the head of irregularities was approved.

For the action of Synod on Requests, References, and Recommendations, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 9, 11 and 13, see Article XX., Church Government; on No. 4, see Article XV., Finance; on Nos. 6 and 10, see Article XIII., Theological Seminary; on Nos. 7 and 12, see Article XIX., Publication; on No. 8, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. No. 3 was laid on the table.

The remaining items in the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination respectfully report,

That no person has been referred by the Synod to the Committee for Examination. EMANUEL V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

Unto Him who was slain, yet ever liveth and reigneth in His body. the Church, with the Father, who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His own dear Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, who in the Church abides with us forever, and carries on the work of our redemption,—the Glorious and Ever Blessed Trinity, "thanksgiving and honor" are due for continued care and favor vouchsafed to us, and to that portion of our Lord's Vineyard committed to our charge.

The Classical Reports exhibit encouraging evidences of growth and prosperity on the part of the Church during the past year. Some of these your Committee will endeavor to indicate.

1. Our membership has increased in number; and this increase is not due to spasmodic efforts on the part of the Ministry, nor to temporary excitements of religious sentiment, whose cessation may be expected to be followed by a state of coldness and inaction, as decided and marked in its own bad way, as the abnormal ebullition of feeling was intense,—but this increase is the manifestation and fruit of the healthful action of that Spirit of life, which must ever and steadily work in the Church and upon the world, and by which only can the kingdoms of darkness be eventually overcome.

2. An increased attendance upon the preaching of the Word and upon the administration of the Holy Sacraments is reported; and also an increased consciousness, that the Word of God, not as separated from His body the Church, but as preached by a divinely constituted and divinely ordained order of Ministers in the Church, is the power of God unto salvation, and that the Holy Sacraments are divinely constituted bearers, in a supernatural way, of real grace actually exhibited to, and actually received by believers, through the power of the Holy Ghost, as actually and really as the waters of Jordan, by divine appointment, were made efficacious to the cleansing of the leper, Naaman. This consciousness is said, in a number of the Classical reports, to be exhibiting itself with increasing clearness and power, and with blessed results, in the form of increased faith, and Christian liberality, zeal, and devotion. It is truthfully remarked, that as the Word is preached and received, not in the feebleness and uncertainty of private judgment, but in the power of the Holy Ghost speaking in and through the faith of the Church, it becomes more evidently, on the one hand, a "stumbling-block and rock of offence to an opposing world," and also to those who, though connected with the Church, have not yet grace to "obey the truth," and, on the other hand, the power of God to the enlightening and sanctifying of the faithful. Another report says, that the several "reports of the brethren bear testimony to the actual and real presence of Christ in His Church" and of the power of that ever living and life-giving presence as exerted through His own appointed means of grace. "It is cause for gratitude," remarks one, that a part of the Church, "whose existence some would gladly ignore, gives evidence of a progress and growth, which, though slow, silent, yet steady, and thus in accordance with the law of life, when in healthful action, yet places her not only in a line with but even in advance of many denominations, whose delight is to underrate her peculiar doctrine and cultus."

These same truths are affirmed, with more or less emphasis, in most of the Classical reports. And to their more clear apprehension by our churches are to be attributed our growth intensively, as well as our extensive progress. The increase of a benevolent spirit, of interest in mission enterprizes, in homes for orphan children, in the establishing of parochial and other schools under the immediate care and control of the Church, in the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, of Communicants, of new congregations organized, new charges formed, of new church buildings erected, and old ones enlarged, referred to in the Classical reports, evidence this; and also prove the wisdom of our "preferring Christ's way to any or all of the modern appliances, and purely human inventions of the day, and of our laboring for the salvation of men by teaching them to observe all (and not merely some of) the things which He has commanded us."

3. Another encouraging feature in our Church's condition is the increased attention paid to female education. We have now two female academies standing in conscious harmony with the distinctive

spirit of our Church. They are each, as regards organization, educational appliances, and all needed social, intellectual and Christian influences, fully equal to the important work of training and cultivating the minds and hearts of the daughters of our Church. They are well worthy of the patronage of our church members. The one is located at Tyrconnel, near Petersville, Frederick County, Md., and is under the care of the Rev. George L. Staley. The other is at Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa., under the care of Rev. William R. Hofford. They cannot fail, if properly patronized by our members, to contribute to our Church's prosperity.

4. The Classical reports refer to an increase in the number of Sunday Schools, and also to an increased sense of the necessity of having these schools in all cases under the immediate supervision and control of the Pastors and Consistories. Several of the reports direct attention to the propriety of congregations making provision, in connection with their church edifices, for Sunday Schools, and also for parochial schools.

Other reports refer to the subject of church architecture, and report progress in the making of church edifices more consistent in style and arrangements and furniture with the holy purposes for which they are designed. They express the hope, that this will be so kept in mind, that congregations which intend erecting new church edifices or enlarging or remodeling old ones, shall see that their houses of worship harmonize with, and as far as possible symbolize, that "beauty of Holiness" in which we are exhorted to "worship the Lord." Surely the Christian, not less than the pious Jew of ancient days, should be able to exclaim in the fullness of a devout heart, and without hindrance from any sense of outward incongruity, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!"

These are all subjects of importance. The movement in our Church, in regard to them, is in the right direction, and is highly encouraging.

5. Most of the Classes report more or less progress in what is called "the dollar plan," and express the conviction, that its completion will go far towards securing increased prosperity to the educational operations and institutions of the Church, and through them to the Church. In this connection we also remark a general approval of the action of Synod in reference to the election of an additional theological professor, the completion of the endowment of the Centenary professorship, and of the plans of the Synod generally in reference to the Theological Seminary. The membership of the Church appear to be more alive to the importance of making fuller provision for the training up of an educated ministry, and of sustaining the Synod in her educational movements. There is ground in all this for the Synod's going forward in this part of her work with renewed zeal, feeling assured that moving under divine guidance, the pecuniary means will not be wanting.

6. A number of the Classical reports bear strong testimony to the beneficial effects which have resulted from the circulation of the

"Order of Worship" among church members, and of its use, in connection with the regular Lord's Day Worship, on festival occasions and in the administration of the Holy Sacraments. One of these reports declares: "We are traditionally Liturgical; we do not apprehend any conflict in introducing the revised order provided it be done prudently. * * * Under proper explanations, we believe that no field in the Church affords a less obstructed course." Another says, that "the Order of Worship is used with general acceptance in the administration of the Sacraments and on festival occasions. The pastors feel the importance of laying a solid foundation for Liturgical Worship, such as our fathers were accustomed to in the use of the old Palatinate Liturgy, by bringing back the membership, wherever it has been perverted from this order, to harmonize with the church year, and to bind the hearts of the people to the festivals of the Church." "This serves to isolate us" from some, while it binds us in fellowship with the Holy Catholic Church of the Apostles' Creed, in contending for the faith over against the Anti-Christ of the last times."

Another Classical report says: "The worship of the Church is gradually becoming more liturgical. As our people become familiar with the Order of Worship simply as a book, and especially as they come under the power of its beautiful service, do their prejudices and disaffection fall away. * * * These are signs of the times, full of meaning and full of encouragement. The great and good work is going forward." Another Classical report says: A number of the parochial reports "refer to the successful use of the Order of Worship by congregations of this Classis. We are cheered to learn from this fact, that the tendency is towards the recovery of a heritage once our own, but well nigh lost to us through the introduction and influence of a foreign spirit. The translation of the Order of Worship into the German language by a Committee appointed to the work by this Classis, is being faithfully and successfully prosecuted towards completion, and the day is not far distant, we hope, when our German brethren, who constitute by far the greatest part of our membership * * * shall be permitted by actual test to prove for themselves the beauty and excellency of our admirable Liturgy."

Similar testimony, more or less explicit, might be adduced from other Classical reports, showing a general conviction, that the Order of Worship harmonizes with the history, theology, and cultus of our Church, that the action of the Synod of Dayton and of our own Eastern Synod respecting the Order of Worship is generally and heartily approved throughout that part of the Church, which is under the care of this Synod, and also showing that the Order of Worship is steadily making its way towards general use, notwithstanding the misrepresentations that have been industriously made respecting it, and respecting the Synodical action in regard to it. In like manner do the reports of the different Classes testify to the good effects, which have resulted from its employment by Pastors and Congregations, even when used only to a limited extent, in an increase of devoutness in public wor-

ship, and of other manifestations of an earnest Christian life among the membership.

It is evident, that the hand of the Lord has guided our Church in its Liturgical work, and that His blessing has attended the use of the Order of Worship. And in view of this, we are constrained as a Synod heartily to commend those Pastors and Congregations, who have had the faith and courage to introduce and use the Order of Worship in the face of misrepresentation and reproach, and also to encourage our Pastors and Consistories generally to instruct their people in the truth as regards Liturgical worship, and to employ the Order of Worship in the regular Lord's Day Worship, on festival occasions, and particularly in the administration of the Holy Sacraments, wherever circumstances make it to edification so to do; allowing, at the same time, to those, who prefer not to use the Order of Worship, that freedom in regard to it, which the Synod of Dayton allowed, and which no one has ever pretended to diminish, or take away.

Having thus stated the most prominent features of an encouraging nature, it becomes us to now attend to those of a different character, which call for humiliation upon our part, and earnest supplication to the Lord, that He will not enter into judgment with us. From the Classical reports we learn, that, in addition to the general deficiency in various Christian duties, to which all our churches, to a greater or less extent, must plead themselves guilty, there are some special difficulties which impede the Church's progress, and some special sins which afflict her.

1. There are complaints of an insufficiency of ministerial laborers. The heart of the Church is becoming enlarged. She is becoming more fully conscious of her duty to cultivate more thoroughly the field she is now tilling, and also by missionary operations to take up and occupy additional territory. But the contributions to her educational and missionary operations are inadequate to the performance of this work. In order to a more faithful discharge of our admitted duty in the directions indicated, it is all important, that our Church's energies be concentrated, in liberally sustaining the educational institutions and agencies already organized within the Church, and that the necessity of speedily carrying forward to a practical conclusion, the plans formed by the Synod in regard to her educational institutions, and of increasing the amount contributed to the cause of beneficiary education, be steadily and earnestly urged upon the attention of Consistories and church members. Your Committee cannot express too emphatically their sense of the importance of thorough educational training to those, who propose entering upon the arduous duties of the Holy Ministry. At the same time your Committee would also say, with equal emphasis, that, while this should be the law of the Church, it should always be administered with such freedom as to allow room for the entrance into the Ministry, without let or hindrance, of all persons, who possess the necessary intellectual and spiritual qualifications, without regard the means by which such qualifications may have been attained.

2. The spirit of infidelity afflicts many members of our Church, and thus weakens and hinders her. This infidel spirit manifests itself, not in the denial of the existence of God, or of His attributes, of the doctrine of the Trinity, of the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, or of the necessity of faith in Him, but in the more plausible, and therefore perhaps more dangerous form of unbelief in the Church, as actually a divine organization; divine not simply as regards its institution, as founded by Christ, but divine in its own supernatural constitution, and in its past, present and future continuance, because it is His body, in which He ever dwells, and through which He ever works; divine as comprehending and exerting supernatural and really divine powers; divine as being the "fullness of Him who filleth all in all," and outside of which there can be no ordinary possibility of salvation. In connection with this, there are complaints of a like want of faith in the Holy Sacraments as actually grace-bearing ordinances, efficacious, through the power of the Holy Ghost, in a real, supernatural, divine way, unto believers, for the giving and nourishing of that life, which they receive from Jesus Christ, through "*His* BODY, the Church." This want of faith afflicts very many, who think that they are possessed with a true faith; as though any one could believe in Christ, and yet not believe in His Church, and in the ordinances which He has ordained.

3. This spirit of unbelief is associated with a spirit of insubordination. Those who do not believe the scriptural truth, that the Church is the actual body of Christ, and those who do not realize that, as His body, it possesses all the authority which of right belongs to Him, of course, do not realize their duty to be "obedient unto the Church as unto Christ." They are unable to comprehend, that in the Church are now lodged the prerogative of "teaching," the priestly functions of the Saviour, and also His kingly functions, and must continue there, in virtue of His appointment to "reign, until He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." Hence these deluded, though often sincere persons, imagine that they are right in making their own judgments a law to themselves; and they frequently rebel against the authority of those, who, by divine, not human appointment, have the rule over them, not understanding that in so doing they are resisting lawful authority, rending the "body of Christ," breaking the unity of the Spirit, and following him, who is the Antichrist, the father of lies.

In the Providence of God, the Rev. Daniel Hertz, of Lancaster Classis; Rev. Samuel Helffenstein, and Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Sr., of Philadelphia Classis; Rev. Isaac Steely, of East Susquehanna Classis; Rev. Henry Wagner, of Lebanon Classis, and Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier, of Virginia Classis, fathers and brethren, who were with us on earth a year ago, have entered into their rest. It behooves us, who remain, to lay to heart, with additional earnestness, that the night cometh when no one can work. Let us labor that we may enter into that rest!

"And now unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and unto His Father: Unto Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Amen.

(Signed) GEO. DERING WOLFF,
J. W. LESCHER,
F. J. MOHR,
JACOB ALBERT,
JOHN HAGER.

(*For Statistical Tables, See Appendix.*)

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2. Rev. John P. Stein, Charles G. Fisher, and John F. Busche, in connection with the *pastor loci*, were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Religious Exercises submit the following report:

Shiloh Reformed Church.—Thursday evening—Sermon by Rev. W. D. Lefevre.

Friday evening.—Religious exercises—Hymn by Rev. S. N. Callender; Prayer by Rev. Simon S. Miller; Address by Rev. M. A. Smith; Hymn by the President; German address by the Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz; German prayer by Rev. J. F. Busche, and Doxology and Benediction by the President.

Saturday evening.—Preparatory—Sermon by Rev. J. B. Thompson.

Sunday morning.—Communion—Sermon by Rev. P. S. Davis.

Sunday evening.—Dr. S. H. Geisy.

Sunday School Addresses.—Rev. J. B. Thompson, D. E. Klopp, J. O. Miller and D. B. Albright.

Monday evening.—Sermon by Dr. J. W. Nevin.

Mahoning Presbyterian Church.—Morning Services on Sunday—Sermon by Dr. J. W. Nevin. Evening, Dr. D. Gans.

Grove Presbyterian Church.—Morning Services on Sunday—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Cremer. Evening, Rev. Wm. M. Reily.

South Ward Lutheran Church.—Morning Services on Sunday—Sermon by Rev. G. L. Staley. Evening, Rev. J. S. Kieffer.

North Ward Lutheran Church.—Morning Services on Sunday—Sermon by Rev. W. F. Colliflower. Evening, Rev. F. Pilgram.

Mahoning Street Methodist Episcopal Church.—Morning Services Sunday—Sermon by Rev. S. Miller. Evening, Rev. G. D. Wolff.

German Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. M. Bachman.

Baptist Church.—Morning Services on Sunday—Sermon by Rev. D. E. Klopp. Evening, Rev. L. C. Edmonds.

Welsh Hill Methodist Episcopal Church.—Morning Services on Sunday—Sermon by Rev. A. R. Kremer. Evening, Rev. J. W. Love.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN P STEIN, *Chairman.*

The several appointments were filled, as provided for in the report, except that the Rev. Isaac G. Brown, in the absence of the President, presided at the Religious Exercises observed on Friday evening.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—

The undersigned, committee appointed for the purpose at the last meeting of the Board, respectfully report:

That the Board held three meetings during the year. The first was held at Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa., on November 19th, to carry out the action of Synod at Hagerstown, with reference to the removal and further endowment of the Seminary, and to transact any business that might be presented for action. The Board was organized by re-electing the old officers for the ensuing year.

At this meeting the Rev. John W Steinmetz and Rev. Isaac K. Loos were appointed agents to raise the sums contemplated for the removal of the Seminary to Lancaster ($50,000), the completion of the Tercentenary Professorship ($15,000), and the increase of the old Seminary fund ($10,000), according to instructions of Synod on pages 42 and 44 of last year's Minutes. Rev. Isaac K. Loos declined the appointment, stating that he could not leave his charge without great injury to it; at the same time expressing great interest in the success of the movement. The Board, through its Executive Committee sent Rev. John W. Steinmetz out into the Church, to collect the amount in cash or note as the people were willing to give, with instructions that the maturity of notes for removal should in no case exceed three years, and for endowment five years.

The agent reports to the Board, that he has been at work about five months, "has passed through," using his own language, "the following charges: Paradise (Rev. H. Mosser), Turbutville (Rev. D. W. Kelly, (Bloomsburg and Orangeville, North Susquehanna, Conyngham and Hazelton, and Uniontown charges in East Susquehanna Classis; through Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, Aaronsburg, Brush Valley, Nittany Valley, Bellefonte, Boalsburg, and Beaver Spring charges in West

Susquehanna Classis; through part of Shaeffertown charge, Lebanon county, and in East Pennsylvania Classis, the Egypt Congregation, part of Catasauqua charge, all of Allentown, Easton, and all of Rev. M. A. Smith's field, in and around Nazareth, and one congregation in Rev. E. W. Reineke's charge. The result of my labors, as far as they are immediatly visible, is as follows:

For Removal, about.....	$5,000 00
For Removal or Endowment, about.....	9,900 00
For Endowment, about.....	2,000 00
	$16,900 00

About 10 per cent. of the above is in cash and the balance in notes, running, for removal or endowment, from six months to three years, and for endowment from one year to five years. He has also received a temporary scholarship in Franklin and Marshall College for the Seminary worth $100. Our agent concludes as follows: "In looking over the field already canvassed, I come to the firm conviction, that the whole amount can be secured; but I ask the appointment of one or two agents to assist me. My regular supply has left, and my field cannot lie desolate or vacant." "It would take too long for one man to finish the work. The Church cannot afford to wait so long," etc.

At the last meeting of the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, a resolution was adopted, donating five acres of the college grounds, estimated to be worth $5,000, to the Seminary, for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings thereon. The ground is well situated, and will be a handsome location for the Seminary.

By the charter of the Seminary, obtained many years ago from the Supreme Court of this State, the annual income is limited to £500. The Board has now an application before the same court, praying to have it increased to $25,000, which will be sufficient for all time to come. This amendment will doubtless be granted at the next session of the said Court in Philadelphia.

The semi-annual meeting was held in Mercersburg at the close of the Seminary year in May. Nothing of special interest to the Church was transacted at this meeting.

The third meeting was held in Greencastle, on the 15th inst. At this meeting, the Treasurer's annual report was presented and audited, and is herewith presented to Synod. From it you will see, that the different funds have been consolidated, and amount to $57,176.36, not including the Plainfield Bonds. These bonds, principal and interest, amount to $11,000. The interest is paid on only a very small number of them annually. The Tutorship Fund is in some better condition than it was a year ago; but there are still a number of bonds that are not in the hands of the Treasurer. On these two items the Board passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the President and Treasurer of the Board be requested to include in the report to Synod the matter of bonds and

pledges due by Classes to the Tutorship Fund of the Seminary, in order that Synod may request the Classes to pay these bonds and pledges in full, so that this fund may be put in some more permanent and tangible shape. And further, that the attention of Synod be called to the large amount of Plainfield Bonds held by the Treasurer of this Board and be requested to take some action looking to the payment of the interest on these bonds and the principal when due."

From the great and apparently wilful neglect or inability in many cases to pay the interest, the Board ask Synod to adopt some measures, by which the real value of these bonds may be ascertained, and to cancel those that are of no value. Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President*,
A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BRETHREN :—

I herewith submit my eighth annual report as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. In this report, by the permission of Synod, I embrace the old Theological Seminary, Tutorship and Tercentenary funds. Thus consolidated, the account is simplified and brought within the easy comprehension of every one. Your bank dividends have never paid a larger percentage than last year. In the aggregate they are more, owing to new investments. Your Government bonds paid premium on the gold interest from 32 to 40 per cent. Interest due on individual bonds has not been as promptly paid as in former years, which, with a considerable amount paid on repairs, makes the amouut due the Treasurer large.

My attention was called to some discrepancies in the printed reports, which induced me to review my whole work as Treasurer, and I find the following: In 1863 $400 are reported as received on the Keller Fund, when but $300 were received. Also in 1863, Dr. Bomberger is reported as having paid $31 interest on Race street congregation Tutorship bond, when only $10 were paid. In 1864 the interest on the Cook legacy was not reported. In 1865 only $300 is reported as paid to the Tutor, when $400 were paid.

The attention of the Board is called to the great neglect on the part of those who have given Plainfield bonds to pay their interest.

The following are the amounts carried into the consolidated account:

The Old Theological Seminary Fund, including Plainfield Bond principals, for 1869		$32,280 46
Tutorship Fund		9,000 00
Tercentenary amount reported 1868	$16,745 90	
Amount sold to pay Profs. Harbaugh and Apple's salaries, as ordered by the Board at Greencastle	850 00—	15,895 90
		$57,176 36
Theological Library Fund	$1862 50	

Respectfully submitted, A. B. WINGERD.

DR.

To amount received from all sources		$5,233 37
Deduct P. B. Principal		270 00
		$4,963 37
To amt. of bal. on Seminary account last year		102 28
" too much brt. for. '67, due Treas		75 49
" Tercentenary bal. in Treas. last year		385 20
		$5,526 34

CR.

Amount due tutorship last year	$ 673 92	
" paid Dr. E. V. Gerhart	1,500 00	
" " Dr. E. E. Higbee	1,500 00	
" " Prof J. B. Kershner	800 00	
" " Dr. T. G. Apple, Extra	410 00	
" " Dr. E. E. Higbee, Extra	310 00	
" " on Repairs	521 20	
" " Kessler	155 00	
" " for Half organ, Chapel	60 00	
" " College for coal 1867–8	125 00	
" " Premium on Gov. bonds	87 95	
" " Cost attending collect Fs	6 40	
" " Tax on Greencastle Bank	17 25	
" " Assessment	10 00	
" " Klopp legacy	40 00	
" " Treasurer's salary	100 00	
" " Stationery	15 00	
	$6,331 72	
Balance due Treasurer		805 38
		$6,331 72

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DR.

To amount in Treasury last year		$ 249 34
" Interest received		60 00
		$ 309 34

CR.

By amount paid Rev. J. B. Kershner	$3 30	
" " Dr. Shaff	21 90	
" " Dr. Higbee	1 75	
" " Dr. Fisher	57 30	
" " Claxton Robb	60 00	
" " S. R. Fisher & Co	62 40	
" " Dr. Gerhart	3 00	
Balance in Treasury	99 69	
	$309 34	

b) Report of the Board of Visitors.

The Board met in Hagerstown during the sessions of Synod in that place in October, A. D. 1868, and organized for the current year by the election of Dr. T. G. Apple, President, Dr. S. R. Fisher, Treasurer, and Rev. S. N. Callender, Secretary.

The annual meeting convened in the Seminary building at Mercersburg, May 10, 1869. During the sessions the Board had under consideration the general interests of the institution, its operations during the year then closing, and waited upon the general examination of the students. As the result of their deliberation, they are enabled to report to this Synod the regular and efficient accomplishment of the work committed to its hands, and the satisfactory progress of its students in their training and qualification for their solemn calling. A close scrutiny upon the examinations failed to detect any deviation in the order and form of doctrine then taught, from what has been with sufficient distinctness approved and affirmed by this Reverend Body, notwithstanding the frequent charges we hear of a want of fidelity to our standards.

There were seventeen students connected with the Institution during the year. Three in the Senior Class—Abrm. H. Dotterer, Edw. O. Forney and Jacob F. Wiant. Seven in the Middle Class—William W. Clouser, Tilgham Derr, Ambrose C. Geary, Calvin S. Gerhard, Stephen K. Kremer, Jonathan A. Novinger and Daniel C. Tobias. Seven in the Junior Class—R Leighton Gerhart, John O. Johnson, Ellis N. Kremer, J. Calvin Leinbach, Joel T. Rossiter, Jonas B. Shontz and Milton H. Sangree.

The Board have experienced no little embarrassment in the admission and directing of the studies of some of the students, not only during the last year, but also at the opening of the present. This was caused by the fact, that a material proportion of them are below the adopted standard in their scholastic training. Not only do some of them fall below a complete sophomore training, but in some cases have but little else than a partial English education. The Board required of this class of students, that they take up such branches as would in part supply their deficiency, and in a few instances admitted them on condition, that they remain four years in connection with the institution. But this last is felt to involve the difficulty of making them irregular in their classes, or causing them to repeat their studies. The Board did not feel at liberty to reject such applications, especially as other doors are open to them. The great evil in these cases, is felt by the Board to hold in the fact, that they are not prepared to profit by the same instructions, which are imparted to their classmates of a superior order of preparation. This is, in some cases, painfully manifest in the examinations. And to double the classes is, under existing arrangements, a total impossibility.

Another evil to which the Board would beg to call the attention of Synod is the manner in which the assistance of the Church is

rendered to the beneficiary students. Instead of casting all the contributions to this cause into the common treasury to be apportioned to the several recipients, it has come to be, to a large extent, the custom for each Classis to attend only to its own beneficiaries, and beyond their wants, to make little or no further contributions. The evil is, that those Classes, which have succeeded in securing the largest number of candidates, are burdened, and find it difficult to meet the wants of their students; in some cases failing to do so with any proper degree of promptness, so as to save the student from embarrassment, while others, who have few or no students, contribute very disproportionately to this cause. The Synod is requested to consider this matter.

The Board feel themselves constrained to call the attention of Synod to a slander perpetrated upon the Seminary in an article published in a magazine, in Philadelphia, April, 1869. The following is an extract from the Minutes of the Board:

"The committee appointed to report on the subject of a certain article in a monthly magazine, called the REFORMED CHURCH MONTHLY, beg leave to report:

"They have examined the article contained in the April, 1869, number of the REFORMED CHURCH MONTHLY, and find it to contain a slander upon the Theological Seminary, and thus also upon the Synod under whose care the Seminary is, and as guardians of the Seminary, we refer this article to the attention of Synod, and hereby direct the Secretary of this Board, to bring the matter before the next annual meeting of Synod in the report from this Board.

"The following is a copy of the article referred to:

"Long before any of us could bring ourselves to believe, that any such *revolutionary scheme* was meditated, its authors and abettors admit, that they were busily at work, *laying their plans* and preparing for the desired result. In the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, founded and endowed by those who loved the old Reformed Church, for the purpose of having ministers trained and educated there, who should be qualified to stand up and preach and defend the doctrines of the Gospel, as held by this Church, the *new theology* has, it seems, for years been diligently taught. * * * * The same is true to a corresponding extent of all the literary institutions of the Church under the care of the friends of the innovations. * * * * In addition to this, *the publication interests of the Church*, with the MESSENGER and the REVIEW, are mainly under the control of the new order party, and are diligently used for the propagation of its views."

The Faculty was formally organized (in accordance with authority from the Board), in October, 1868, by appointing the Professor of Didactic Theology, President, and the Tutor Secretary.

The Faculty reported to the Board, that inasmuch as the Hebrew department is supplied by Prof. Kershner, and inasmuch as the graduating class consists of but three, whose immediate services are needed in the Church, they deem it unnecessary and inexpedient at this time

to recommend any one for a traveling Tutor in Germany. Prof. J. B. Kershner was engaged to continue to labor in the capacity of Tutor in Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, during the approaching current year, at the same salary paid him for last year's services.

The Board would suggest to Synod, that, in consequence of the adjudged inexpediency of conforming to the original plan of the Tutorship, the present mode of meeting the wants of the Seminary in this direction, was gradually leading to the informal establishment of a Professorship of Hebrew and cognate branches, for which there is no Synodical authority, nor sufficient pecuniary provision.

The students who continued their studies in the universities in Germany, to one of whom several years ago leave of absence was granted for this purpose, to wit: A. J. Bowers and John Van Haagan, have not yet reported themselves to the Board.

The Senior Class, consisting of Dotterer, Forney and Wiant were regularly dismissed and furnished with recommendations for licensure.

Dr. E. V. Gerhart was installed in the Chair of Didactic and Practical Theology at Hagerstown, during the sessions of Synod in that place in October, 1868.

Thirty-seven students received assistance from the Board during the year.

There are twenty-four students at present connected with the Seminary.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

Synopsis of Treasurer's Report.

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By balance in Treasury Oct., 1868		$701 43
By cash received from Classis of	East Pennsylvania	780 00
"	Lebanon	582 22
"	Zion	269 50
"	Philadelphia	813 98
"	Maryland	191 53
"	Mercersburg	414 35
"	Goshenhoppen	703 74
"	Lancaster	22 00
"	East Susquehanna	198 67
"	West Susquehanna	342 98
"	Refunded	95 75
"	Interest and Dividends	189 04
"	Miscellaneous	395 50
		$5,700 75

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To amount paid beneficiaries of		
East Pennsylvania Classis	$529	00
Lebanon "	641	49
Zion "	300	00
Philadelphia "	793	60
Mercersburg "	925	00
Goshenhoppen "	643	24
Lancaster "	110	00
East Susquehanna "	150	00
West Susquehanna "	346	58
Clarion "	350	00
General "	451	40
Balance in Treasury	460	44
	$5,700	75

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account, with the vouchers, and find it correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of $460.44.

October 19, 1869. SAMUEL H. GIESY.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports (except that part of the report of the Trustees relating to the removal of the Seminary), together with a resolution adopted by the Classis of West Susquehanna in relation to those engaged in circulating rumors prejudicial to the Theological standing of the Professors in the Seminary, and the action of the Classis of West New York in reference to a German Professor in the Theological Seminary were referred, submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item and adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report as follows:

1. *Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary:*

This report shows, that the Treasury of the Seminary is, upon the whole, in a healthy condition; but there is still a deficiency equal to that of last year. The finances of the Seminary are in as favorable a condition as they are, only because of the fact, that a large proportion of the funds are yielding more than the usual percentage of interest; and to insure the needful amount from invested funds in the future, it will be necessary to require delinquents on Plainfield and other bonds to pay their back standing interest, in many cases due for ten years past and more; in this way the object can be accomplished at least in part. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be instructed to take the necessary steps for the collecting all dues on Plainfield and other bonds, and that he be directed to prepare a statement of all dues, and place said statement in the hands of the agents operating for the increase of the endowment of the Seminary for collection.

2. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

We learn from this report, that the Board attended to the duties committed to their hands, that the Seminary is in a healthful and prosperous condition, and that the number of students for the past year was seventeen.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, it appears, that $5,700.75. including a balance in the Treasury at the last annual settlement, of $701.43, have been received for the cause of Beneficiary Education during the past year, and that thirty-seven beneficiaries have received aid from the Board. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer $460.44, which amount, however, is mostly appropriated, and is not sufficient to cancel the claims against the Board now due.

In reference to the mode of contributing towards the cause of Beneficiary Education by the Classes, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the several Classes be earnestly requested to make liberal contributions to the general fund, in addition to the aid rendered their immediate beneficiaries.

In reference to the difficulty complained of by the Board, in regulating the course of studies on the part of those students, who are deficient in preparatory training, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That in view of the inability of the Synod to increase the teaching force at this time, the Board be directed to exercise their judgment, in all such cases, as they have heretofore done.

In regard to the Tutorship, your Committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That Synod approves of the continuance of Rev. J. B. Kershner as Tutor in the Seminary at the salary of the previous year.

Resolved, That the Synod does not deem the formal establishment of a professorship of Hebrew and cognate branches expedient at the present time.

There are at the present time twenty four students connected with the Seminary.

In reference to the slanderous article of Dr. Bomberger in his monthly, to which the attention of the Synod is directed by the Board, we would offer the following:

Resolved, That the said monthly, of which Dr. Bomberger is chief editor, in no way represents the spirit and views of this Synod, and

that as such is not entitled to the respect and support of the membership of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the article referred to is a slander upon the Synod, and the institutions under its care.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that the foregoing resolutions cover all action contemplated by the resolutions of the Classis of West Susquehanna, which were placed in our hands.

In reference to the item referred to this Committee, from West New York Classis, requesting the establishment and filling of a German professorship, your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That in view of the present arrangements of the Professorships in the Seminary, and the want of funds for the immediate increase of the teaching force, it is impossible at *this* time to comply with the request.

3. *Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Inasmuch as the several items under this head were referred by Synod to a special committee, your Committee deem it unnecessary to repeat them in this Report. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. J. KURTZ,
A. R KREMER,
S. N. CALLENDER,
D. SMALL,
C. KREBS.
Committee.

The following additional preamble and resolution was adopted:

In accordance with the action of Synod at Lancaster in 1864, relative to the German Professorship in the Theological Seminary, be it

Resolved, That the Synod at its next annual meeting, declare which of the Professorships in the Theological Seminary is the German Professorship, should the Tercentenary Professorship be then endowed.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.—Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, William Heyser, Samuel B. Snively, David B. Martin, David C. Hammond, Edward J. Zahm, Jacob Heyser, D. M. B. Shannon, and John P. Hassler, of the former Board were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted Andrew R. Schnebly of Washington County, Md, and David B. Russell, of Franklin County, Pa, were elected.

Board of Visitors.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Jacob Hassler, Joseph W. Santee, Isaac G. Brown, William Goodrich, Amos H. Kremer, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Benjamin Bausman, Peter S. Davis, Samuel N. Callender, and J. Spangler Kieffer, of the former Board,

were retained. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, the Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler was elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The action of the Synod at Hagerstown, Md., in regard to the removal of the Theological Seminary; that portion of the report of the Trustees of the Seminary relating to the same subject, and the action of the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, tendering a donation of land at Lancaster, for the use of the Theological Seminary, were referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. G. Dering Wolff, Dr Daniel Gans, J. Spangler Kieffer, and Elders Abraham Peters and Daniel W. Gross. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the action of the Synod at Hagerstown in reference to the removal of the Seminary, and that part of the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in regard to the same subject, and also the action of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, tendering five acres of land for the use of the Theological Seminary, respectfully submit the following report:

It appears from the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, that they obtained the services of the Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, as agent, for raising the monies which the Synod of Hagerstown resolved should be raised. The Agent accepted the appointment, and spent, in the prosecution of his agency, such intervals of time, as he was able to spare from his pastoral duties. The results of his labors are stated in the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. They are highly encouraging. It is evident that the Church is prepared to give its practical endorsement, to the action of the Synod at Hagerstown, in reference to the removal of the Seminary to Lancaster, Penna., by raising the money necessary. The Agent says: "In looking over the field already canvassed, and to be canvassed, I came to the firm conviction, that the whole amount can be secured; but I ask the appointment of one or two agents to assist me."

Your committee are deeply impressed with the importance of urging forward, with all possible energy and expedition, to its proper practical conclusion, the action instituted at Hagerstown. Your committee feel that this is important for a number of weighty reasons, and especially these two: First, that it will greatly promote in a general way the educational plans of the Church; Secondly, that it will greatly add to the prosperity of our College and Seminary.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod gratefully appreciate the action of the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in tendering five acres of land to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President of Synod to examine the land thus tendered, and if found suitable for the purpose intended, to accept it, and obtain a good and sufficient legal conveyance of it to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. In case the ground so tendered should not be suitable, the committee shall endeavor to select and secure the refusal of other ground at or near Lancaster, suitable as a site for our Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to secure plans and estimates for buildings for the Theological Seminary, and submit them to the Trustees of the Seminary for approval, and that the erection of buildings shall be commenced as soon as the amount specified by Synod at Hagerstown shall have been raised, and that the Seminary shall be removed to Lancaster whenever, in the judgment of the Board of Visitors, proper accommodations in the way of buildings shall be provided.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary are requested to appoint one or more additional agents to co-operate with Rev. J. W. Steinmetz in soliciting subscriptions, and that the pastors and consistories are earnestly requested to use their influence with their people to induce them to respond liberally to the applications of the agents.

GEO. DERING WOLFF,
D. GANS,
J. S. KIEFFER,
A. PETERS,
D. W. GROSS. *Committee.*

Elders, Adam B. Wingerd, Daniel W. Gross, and Henry Wirt constitute the committee provided for in the above report.

The following report was received from the officers of Synod, who were instructed to inform the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans of his election, and make out a call to him, as Professor in the Theological Seminary, and adopted:

The officers of the Synod at Hagerstown respectfully report:

That they made out and issued a call in due form to Rev. Daniel Gans, D. D., who was called to the third Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, but they have received no response from Dr. Gans, either accepting or declining said call.

Oct. 20th, 1869. THOMAS G. APPLE, *President.*
SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

The Rev. Jacob O. Miller tendered to Synod in behalf of Mr. W. Johnson Cares, son of the Rev. John Cares, deceased, a number of books belonging to his father's library. In reference to this tender, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we accept the tender of books made to this Synod

by Mr. W. Johnson Cares, through the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, and return our sincere thanks to the donor, and order these books to be placed in the library of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following statements were received from the Treasurers of Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, respectfully reports the receipts from all sources, from Oct. 16, 1868, to Oct. 16, 1869, the sum of eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars, and eight cents. ($8777.08.) Amount paid out during the same period, nine thousand seven hundred and two dollars, and seventeen cents. ($9702.17.) Balance due the Treasurer, $925.09, and orders on hand unpaid, $2398.17, together, $3323.26.

The annexed statement will exhibit the sources of the contributions of the three Synods and twenty nine Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer,*

B H. M. General Synod Ger. Ref. Church.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15, 1869.

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod German Reformed Church.*

Receipts from Oct. 16, 1868, to Oct. 16, 1869.

Classis of	Philadelphia, Eastern Synod	$1,818 32
"	East Pennsylvania	1,043 82
"	Goshenhoppen	821 13
"	Lebanon	703 87
"	East Susquehanna	504 67
"	Zion	425 98
"	West Susquehanna	348 82
"	Mercersburg	357 72
"	Lancaster	281 91
"	Maryland	109 30
"	Virginia	108 50
"	New York	92 04
"	West New York	91 70
"	Clarion	30 95
"	Miscellaneous	51 00
		$6,789 73

Classis of Miami, Synod of Ohio	$319 41
" Lancaster	502 43
" St. John's	274 00
" Iowa	112 50
" Tiffin	80 66
" Westmoreland	8 15
" Illinois	7 56
" Sandusky	7 00
	$1.311 71
Classis of Indiana, North Western Synod	$59 19
" Erie	282 83
" Milwaukee	93 38
" St. Joseph	54 50
" Heidelberg	35 58
" Sheboygan	14 50
" Minnesota	15 75
Treasurer of North Western Synod	120 00
	$675 64

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States	$6.789 73
From Synod of Ohio and adjacent States	1,311 71
" North Western Synod	675 64
	$8,777 08
Receipts from Oct. 16, 1865 to Nov. 25, 1866	$13,793 54
" Nov. 25, 1866 to Oct. 16, 1867	11,691 44
" Oct. 16, 1867 to Oct. 16, 1868	9,858 36
" Oct. 16, 1868 to Oct. 16, 1869	8,777 08

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

JOHN WIEST, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Extension of the German Reformed Church.*

Receipts from October 19th, 1868, to October 18th, 1869:

Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod	$963 90
" Mercersburg	412 44
" Zion	255 00
" East Susquehanna	65 00
" West "	255 55
" Lebanon	1,282 93
" Lancaster	5 00
Carried forward	$3,239 82

Brought forward		$3.239 82
Classis of Goshenhoppen		32 00
" East Pennsylvania		251 28
" Maryland		514 90
" St. Paul's		.....
" Clarion		.....
" New York		.....
" West New York		5 00
" Virginia		1 85
" North Carolina		.....
		$4,044 85
Classis of Michigan, Western Synod	$5 00	
" Tiffin	50 00	
" St. John's	5 00	
" Iowa	35 00	
" Westmoreland	598 50	
Interest on U. S. 5-20 Bonds	8 22	
From F. W. McKeehan, Knoxville, Tenn	5 00	
		706 72
		$4,751 57
Balance due the Treasurer		1,031 00
		$5.782 57

Account of the Money paid out:

Spring Valley, Iowa, Reformed Church		$35 00
Washington City, D. C.,	"	851 25
Pottsville, Pa.,	"	13 00
Woodstock, Va,	"	522 97
Winchester, Va.,	"	105 90
Edinburg, Va,	"	58 00
Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio,	"	50 00
Frostburg, Md.,	"	478 85
Cumberland, Md.,	"	104 65
Egg Harbor City, N. J.,	"	310 87
Mahanoy City, Pa.,	"	178 15
Minersville, Pa.,	"	85 58
Trinity Church, Pa.,	"	500 00
Williamsport, Pa.,	"	236 30
Conestoga Centre, Pa.,	"	15 00
New Providence, Pa.,	"	25 00
Emanuel's Mission, Pa.,	"	969 20
		$4,539 72
Balance due the Treasurer, as per last year's report		1 242 85
		$5,782 57

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND BRETHREN:—Above you have a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Church Extension Fund, during the past Synodical year, and of the condition of the Treasury.

The operations of this Board have been on a very small scale during the year. Only $211.85 were received not appropriated, reducing the indebtedness of the Board to $1.031. For want of means, the Board was unable to help any of the many needy points, from which earnest appeals for aid were received. It was, with sad hearts, in quite a number of cases, that we had to turn our brethren away empty.

The above debt was incurred by the action of Synod held in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1865, where Synod agreed to aid in establishing the Reformed Church in Chicago. Cannot Synod adopt some means by which this debt can be cancelled? The Treasurer of this Fund will be one of twenty to pay it off. Can nineteen brethren, or charges, be found to pay the debt?

We make the same offer in regard to the debt of the Board of Home Missions.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN WIEST, *Treasurer.*

A communication was received from the Secretary of the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and a copy of a monthly publication issued in the interest of the Board, entitled "Gospel Field," were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

A portion of a letter from the Rev. Frederick Fox, who has been laboring in California in the work of Missions, was presented to the Synod by the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted. The report as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that the following doucments have been placed in their hands:

1. A report from the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.
2. A report from the Treasurer of Church Extension.

3. A letter from the Rev. Frederick Fox, directing attention to California, and urging its claims for Missionary labor.

4. A letter from the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, asking the co-operation of this Synod in the carrying forward its missionary operations in East India.

5. The thirty-seventh annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and a copy of a Paper called the "Gospel Field."

I. HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee learns from the documents referred to them, that the operations of the Board have been seriously embarrassed during the past year for want of the necessary funds. Whilst the missions and the missionaries under their care have been continued, the funds have decreased to the amount of $1081,21—this added to the deficiencies of the years 1866, 1867, and 1868, shows a falling off in the contributions of the Churches, in the last four years, to the amount of $5016,46. Should this decrease continue for several years longer, the Board will be under the painful necessity of suspending operations. The report of the Treasurer states, that $8777,17, have been paid into the Treasury during the year, and $9702,08 have been paid out during the same time; leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $925,09, and orders on hand unpaid to the amount of $2398,17, showing a deficiency of $3323,26, for which immediate provision must be made to keep our missionaries from longer suffering in their self-denying labors. In consequence of this increasing deficiency, some of the appropriations which became due already in December, 1868, are still unpaid, and some of the missionaries, to keep themselves and families from actual want, have offered to dispose of them at a large discount The Board has thirty-one missionaries under its care, and the appropriations to them range from $80 to $700 annually. The whole sum appropriated for the year just closing, amounts in the aggregate to $8110.

Whatever may be the reasons for this deficiency, it is deeply to be regretted, that matters stand as they do, and should aid have to be withheld from any of our missionaries much longer, it will certainly be highly discreditable to the Church, and disastrous and ruinous so far as those particular interests are concerned. We should sincerely deprecate such a result, and to avoid it our churches should come up with liberal hearts and helping hands to the work of sustaining those, who have been laboring with so much sacrifice and success in the fields assigned them by the Board. God has put into the hands of His people an ample amount of wealth to meet the demands of His cause.

To meet the necessities of the case, your Committee would suggest the following:

1. *Resolved*, That in order to develop the resources of the Church and bring funds into the Treasury of the Lord, our pastors be affectionately urged to cultivate among their people such a piety as will

comprise a deep compassion for the destitute, cheerful self-sacrifice, and a heaven directed faith.

Resolved, That to accomplish this most desirable object, all the pastors of this Synod be requested to take up collections in each congregation, in order to raise funds to liquidate the present indebtedness of the Board.

In reference to the letter of the Rev. Frederick Fox, the Committee would suggest the following:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the reports, from California with reference to the operations of the Rev. F. Fox, under the direction of the Missionary Committee of Zion's Classis, and the prospect of our Church in that field.

Resolved, That this Synod feels a deep interest in the movement, and recommends the work to the active sympathy of the ministry and membership.

Resolved, That this field is hereby brought to the notice of the Board of Missions whenever in their judgment the way is open for them to take hold of it.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Treasurer, in his report referred to your Committee, states that $4751,85 have been received from all sources during the year. The amount paid out during the same time, was $4539,72. Only $211.57 of the above amount came into his hands not appropriated. This amount deducted from the $1.242,85, the indebtedness of the Board as per last year's report, still leaves a balance due the Treasurer of $1031. For the want of means the Board was unable to render assistance to many points, from which earnest appeals for aid were received.

With reference to this subject, the Committee would suggest the re-adoption of the resolution adopted at the Synod of Hagerstown:

Resolved, That our people be again solemnly urged to introduce the Apostolic plan of Benevolence and increase their contributions to the cause of Home Missions and Church Extension, and thus promote the efforts of the Board to meet the wants of our constantly widening Mission fields.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In reference to the letter from the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, the Committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That we recommend the cause of Foreign Missions, as carried on by the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, to the liberality and benevolence of our people, especially the German portion of them, and urge them to make contributions to this object; and that we also call the attention of the General Synod to this cause.

In regard to the documents from the Reformed Church in Amer-

ica, the Committee would report, that they found nothing in them claiming the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. COLLIFLOWER, *Chairman.*
JNO. P. STEIN,
SIMON S. MILLER,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
H. P. DIEHL.

The following additional resolution was adopted in relation to Home Missions:

Resolved, That this whole interest be referred to the General Synod, with the earnest petition, that they so construct the Board of Home Missions, as not to include among its members any one, who will wage war or discriminate against any section of the Church, either East or West, North or South.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the Rev. Louis B Schwarz, asking aid in the erection of a church edifice for his congregation in Boston, Mass. The communication was read, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That Synod has heard with pleasure, of the self-denying efforts put forth by the Rev. Louis B. Schwarz, for the establishment of a German Reformed Church in Boston, Mass., and that the enterprise being needy, its interests and wants are commended to the favorable regard and Christian liberality of the Church.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, accompanied with the report of the Treasurer of Synod, which was received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church:

The Board of Trustees of Synod beg leave to present the following report:

They have audited the account of the Treasurer of Synod, and found it correct. For all desired information, in reference to the financial affairs of Synod, you are respectfully referred to the Treasurer's report.

The Board consists of the following members:

Rev. Geo. Wolff, whose term will expire January 1, 1870.

Edw. J. Zahm, whose term will expire January 1, 1871.
Geo. H. Small, " " " 1872.
Rev. C. H. Leinbach, " " " 1873.
Henry Wirt, " " " 1874.

As the Rev. Geo. Wolff's term will expire at the end of this year, the Board proposes the names of Rev. John Ault, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and W. H. H. Snyder, as suitable candidates for the vacant office.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Board recommend to Synod to pass a resolution, authorizing the Treasurer to charge interest on all assessments on the Classis for the contingent fund remaining unpaid after the 1st day of July following the annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. LEINBACH, *President.*

MYERSTOWN, PA., *October* 20, 1869.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Synod.*

1869.		DR.	
January	13.	To Cash from R. F. Kelker, Esq., former Treasurer	$67 33
March	16.	" Loan at Gettysburg National Bank for four months	700 00
April	21.	" Interest on $1200 U. S. 10-40 Bonds (Cook Legacy)	46 90
	"	" Interest on $100 U. S. 5 20 Bonds (Fund from Maryland Classis)	4 02
	24.	" Six Months' Interest on Mortgage, Jacob Heyser, to April 10, 1869	150 00
		" Six Months' Interest on Mortgage, William Heyser, to April 6, 1869	135 00
May	26.	" Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. J. Hassler, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	100 00
	26.	" Zion's Classis, per William A. Wilt, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	150 00
June	4.	" Virginia Classis, per H. St. John Rinker, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	10 00
	4.	" West New York Classis, per Rev. J. B. Kniest, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	25 00
	4.	" Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr., Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	104 00
	5.	" West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. U. H. Heilman, on Contingent Fund	82 00
	18.	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	93 35
	21.	" Maryland Classis, per Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	150 00
August	5.	" Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr., Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	150 00
	13.	" Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. J. Hassler, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	25 00
		Carried forward	$1-992.60

1869.		Brought forward	1,992 60
Aug.	28.	To cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	8 00
Sept.	22.	" East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. John Beck, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	150 00
	22.	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	150 00
October	1.	" Interest on Cook Legacy U. S. 10-40 Bonds	32 75
	1.	" One Year's Interest on "Gerhart Donation," invested in U. S. 5-20 Bonds; the proceeds to be appropriated for Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions, and Beneficiary Education	23 58
	1.	" Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. M. Kieffer, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	25 00
	1.	" North Carolina Classis, per Rev. G. W. Welker, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	10 00
	6.	" Clarion Classis, per Rev. J. H. Apple, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	50 00
	15.	" Goshenhoppen Classis, per Ephraim Hartranft, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	100 00
	17.	" New York Classis, per John Lutz, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund	20 00
	17.	" Six Months' Interest on Mortgage, against Jacob Heyser, to October 10, 1869	150 00
	17.	" Six Months' Interest on Mortgage against Estate of William Heyser, deceased, to October 6, 1869	135 00
			$2,846 93

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1869.		By payments as follows, viz.:	
January	13.	By cash paid Rev. C. H. Leinbach and George Wolff, Trustees of Synod, Traveling Expenses to meeting of Board	$5 10
March	16.	" " Discount and Stamps on Loan at Gettysburg National Bank	14 82
	16.	" " J. B. Rodgers & Co. for Printing Minutes of Synod	677 95
	16.	" " Dr. J. W. Nevin, Traveling Expenses as Delegate to Synod at Hudson, New York	20 00
April	27.	" " A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer, Theological Seminary, Six Months' Interest on Kieffer and Cook Legacies	331 90
June	5.	" " Rev. S. R. Fisher, services as Stated Clerk of Synod, and Expenses for Synod, for Years 1867 and 1868 in full	230 80
July	20.	" " Gettysburg National Bank on Loan and for back Interest and Stamps	501 60
August	16.	" " Gettysburg National Bank in full for Loan	200 00
October	1.	" " R. F. Kelker, One Year's Interest on "Gerhart Donation" for Foreign Missions	7 86
	1.	" " Charles Santee, One Year's Interest on "Gerhart Donation" for Domestic Missions	7 86
	1.	" " Rev. Dr. Fisher, One Year's Interest on "Gerhart Donation" for Beneficiary Education	7 86
	17.	" " Adam B. Wingerd, Treasurer, Theological Seminary, for Six Months' Interest on "Kieffer" and "Cook" Legacies	317 75
		Balance in the Treasury	523 43
			$2,846 93

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the account of Henry Wirt, Treasurer of Synod, do hereby certify that we have examined the said account, and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of said Treasurer of five hundred and twenty-three dollars and forty-three cents.

G. H. SMALL,
C. H. LEINBACH,
Committee of Trustees of Synod.

HARRISBURG, October 20, 1869.

Amounts still due by the following Classes on Contingent Fund Assessments:

East Susquehanna	$130 00
Lancaster	100 00
St. Paul's	60 00
Goshenhoppen	50 00
West New York	20 00
Total	$360 00

Investments held for Synod by the Treasurer, October 19, 1869.

"*Cook Legacy,*" $1,200 U. S. 10-40 Bonds.

"*Kieffer Fund,*" $9,500 loaned on Bond and Mortgage—$5,000 to Jacob Heyser, and $4,500 to Estate of William Heyser, deceased.

"*Gerhart Donation,*" $300 U. S. 5-20 Bonds.

"*Maryland Classis Fund,*" $100 U. S. 5 20 Bonds.

Certificate No. 6, for twenty-four shares Hagerstown Bank.

Bond secured (by Mortgage) from Second Reformed Congregation of Reading, Pa., conditioned for the payment of $2,908.74, with interest, should said congregation cease to remain in connection with this Synod.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Above is a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of your Treasurer during the past year, as well as a statement of the amounts still due by the several Classes, and the Investments held by him in trust for the Synod. The Treasurer knows of no claim against Synod unpaid. The balance in his hands, subject to the order of Synod, is as stated above, $523.43. All of which is

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY WIRT.

HANOVER, YORK CO., PA.,
October 19, 1869.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, amended and then adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, as follows:

Two documents were referred to your Committee, the report of the Board of Trustees and the report of the Treasurer of Synod.

From the report of the Board of Trustees your Committee learn, that the term for which Rev. George Wolff was elected a member of

the Board will expire at the end of this year. The Board propose the names of John Ault, of Mechanicsburg, Pa. and W. H. H. Snyder, of Harrisburg, as suitable candidates for the position that will become vacant.

Your Committee recommend action upon the resolution suggested by the Board: "The Board recommend to Synod to pass a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to charge interest on all assessments on the Classes for the contingent fund remaining unpaid after the first day of July following the annual meeting of Synod."

From the report of the Treasurer of Synod your committee learn, that the receipts of the year amounted to $2,846 93, and the disbursement for the same year amounted to $2,323.50, leaving in the Treasurer's hands a balance of $523.43.

From delinquent Classes there is due the sum of $360 00.

East Susquehanna Classis $130, Lancaster Classis $100, St. Paul's Classis $60, Goshenhoppen Classis $50, West New York Classis $20.

The expenses of Synod for the current year are estimated at	$1,500 00	
Expenses of General Synod	500 00	$2,000 00
To meet this, there is due from delinquent Classes	$360 00	
Balance in the treasury	523 43	$883 43
Balance to be provided for		$1.116 57

This your Committee have apportioned among the several Classes as follows:

	New.	*Old.*	*Total*
East Pennsylvania Classis,	$125 00		$125 00
Lebanon "	125 00		125 00
Zion's "	125 00		125 00
Maryland "	125 00		125 00
Philadelphia "	125 00		125 00
Mercersburg "	125 00		125 00
Goshenhoppen "	125 00	$50 00	175 00
Lancaster "	85 00	100 00	185 00
East Susquehanna "	100 00	130 00	230 00
West Susquehanna "	75 00		75 00
Clarion "	40 00		40 00
St. Paul's "	50 00	60 00	110 00
New York "	15 00		15 00
West New York "	15 00	20 00	35 00
Virginia "	15 00		15 00
North Carolina "	15 00		15 00
	$1,285 00	$360 00	$1,645 00

Your Committee recommend, that the Stated Clerk be authorized

to publish 2400 copies of Minutes of Synod, 1600 in the English, and 800 in the German language.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. ADDAMS, *Chairman*,
HENRY WISSLER,
A. G. DOLE,
GEORGE GEATRIL.

The Classis of West New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to release the Classis from the obligation to pay the assessment upon it for Contingent expenses made by the Synod of 1867, inasmuch as the amount was remitted by their Treasurer to the former Treasurer of Synod, but lost in the mail. The request of the Classis was granted.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the traveling expenses of the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, as delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, amounting to $4.50. A similar order was issued in regard to the expenses incurred by the Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, amounting to $——.

Henry Wirt, Esq., was re elected Treasurer of Synod.

Rev. William H. H. Snyder was elected a Trustee of Synod to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the time of the Rev. Geo. Wolff.

Rev. P. Seibert Davis and Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents upon each member of Synod, to remunerate the Sexton of Shiloh church for his services. The committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee instructed to pay over the proceeds of their collection to the Sexton.

The committee appointed to take up a collection for the remuneration of the Sexton respectfully report, that the sum of $19 50 has been secured.

P. S. DAVIS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, that an appeal had been taken by the Classis of Philadelphia, from the decisions in part

rendered by the Synod at Hagerstown, Md., on the several appeals and complaints growing out of the case of Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, Samuel N. Callender, and Dr. Thomas G. Apple, were appointed a committee to sustain the action of this Synod before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Complaints of Rev. G. Dering Wolff against the action of the Classis of Philadelphia; of the Rev. G. Dering Wolff and others against the action of the same Classis; and of William G. King against the action of the Classis of Clarion, were reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes. They were referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Martin A. Smith, Simon S. Miller, and Abner R Kremer, to examine the records in the several cases, and if the complaints are found to be in order, to report the order in which they shall be prosecuted before Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the complaints of Rev. Geo. D. Wolff, against the action of the Philadelphia Classis in allowing Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger to make certain personal statements; and of Rev. Geo. D. Wolff, Dr. S. R. Fisher, Dr. D. Gans, Dr. S. H. Giesy, and Elder C. N. Brock against the action of said Classis, in referring these statements to a committee, and of Elder William G. King against the action of the Clarion Classis in the case of the South Bend congregation, respectfully report:

That they find that the complainants in these cases have failed to comply with the constitutional requirements, and that, therefore, no action can be taken on the part of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. SMITH,
SIMON S. MILLER,
A. R. KREMER,
Committee.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication, for the year ending September 30th, 1869.

The Board held its four regular quarterly meetings during the year, and attended to the particular duties assigned it. At the first meeting, the year during which, according to arrangement, the Book Editor, the Rev. George B. Russell, was expected to devote his labors mainly to procuring funds for the publication of books, having expired, a resolution was adopted, associating him for the present year, in addition to his distinctive labors as Book Editor, with the Rev. Dr. Samuel R Fisher, in the editorship of the "Messenger," and rendering such aid in other labors as may be found practicable and necessary. This arrangement, it was believed, would add to the general efficiency of our publication-enterprise, and also meet with the cordial approbation of the Synod and the Church.

Mr. J. G. S. Wittmann was continued as editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" for the current year.

It also became necessary during the year to change the editor of the "Lämmerhirte." The Rev. C. Bank, of New Brunswick, N. J., was accordingly substituted in the place of the Rev. J. C. Beinhauer.

Since April 6th, 1869, the Board has been conducting its business under an act of Incorporation procured from the Legislature of Pennsylvania, as instructed by the Synod at its last annual sessions, which is the same as the "Draft" then submitted to the Synod and approved by it, except that the word "entrusted" has been substituted for the word "contributed," in the third line of the second preamble, as the draft is published in the Minutes of Synod. S. R. Fisher & Co., the title under which the former Board conducted its business, have made a legal transfer to the Board, as constituted by the Charter, of all the right, title, interest, &c., in the stock, books, accounts, &c. belonging to said firm, the Board assuming all the liabilities of the firm and guaranteeing its members against all lawful claims resting upon the firm and any loss arising out of its business operations. The agencies previously employed for conducting its operations were continued. By-laws were also adopted for the government of the Board.

At the last quarterly meeting, which was held on the 14th inst., the usual annual statement of the operations of the Board for the present year was presented by the Treasurer. This is full and satisfactory. A copy of it is within reach, so that it can be consulted, if desired. The following summary of its contents may serve to give some intelligent idea of the condition of the publication operations of the Church:

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

Subscription to the "Messenger" and advertising,.....	$8,137 66
" " "Kirchenzeitung" "	2,828 43
" " "Guardian,".....	1,172 96
" " "Review,".....	712 50
" " "Child's Treasury,".....	2,832 37
" " "Lämmerhirte,".....	1,477 13
Contributions for Relief,.....	98 25
Publishing Fund,.....	1,928 34
Receipts in store,.....	19,696 44
Loans,.....	2,800 00
Proceeds of notes discounted,.....	1,476 33
Miscellaneous Receipts,.....	347 67
Total Receipts from all sources,.....	$43,508 08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal on notes,.....	$3,300 00
Interest and discount,.....	503 01
Messenger, composition, press-work, and expediting,.....	4,452 51
Kirchenzeitung, " " "	2,408 13
Guardian, " " "	987 40
Review, " " "	887 29
Child's Treasury, " "	687 48
Lämmerhirte, " " "	439 83
Paper for Messenger,.....	2,724 30
" Kirchenzeitung, ...	845 40
" Guardian,.....	310 18
" Review,.....	244 32
" Child's Treasury,.....	1,638 04
" Lämmerhirte,.....	521 64
" Books,.....	1,981 84
" Almanac,.....	297 92
Stock for store,.....	6,561 31
Book Fund account,.....	3,836 61
Percentage account,.....	702 27
Postage account,.....	496 99
Insurance policies,.....	130 00
Bindery accounts,.....	2,946 93
Cuts for S. S. Papers,.....	25 00
Rent,.....	600 00
Coal,.....	33 00
Gas,.....	56 29
Salaries of Editors, Contributors, and other employees,...	6,918 91
Miscellaneous items, such as freight, packing boxes, &c.,...	329 57
	$44,866 17

SUMMARY.

Total disbursements,	$44,866 17
Total receipts,	43,508 08
Excess of disbursements,	$1,358 09

LIABILITIES.

October 1, 1869,	$17,001 20
" 1868,	11,955 30
Increase of liabilities,	$5,045 90

ASSETS.

Due on accounts for Books,	$6,916 76
" Messenger,	9,149 00
" Kirchenzeitung,	3,548 00
" Guardian,	1,709 00
" Review,	837 00
" Child's Treasury,	1,118 83
" Lämmerhirte,	175 00
Stock in store,	9,453 33
Books in sheets,	4,700 00
Due bills.	500 00
Stereotypes and Illustrations,	5,428 33
Cuts for Treasury and Lämmerhirte,	375 00
Paper on hand,	596 17
Fixtures in store,	800 00
Publisher's right purchased,	1,000 00
Copyrights,	450 00
Total Assets,	$46,756 42

SUMMARY.

1869, Oct. 1, Assets,	$46,756 42
1868, " "	35,989 35
Increase of Assets,	$10,767 07

SUBSCRIBERS TO PAPERS.

	1868.	1869.	
Messenger,	3,505	3,561	Increase 56
Kirchenzeitung,	2,626	2,252	Decrease 374
Guardian,	1,141	1,158	Increase 17
Review,	416	374	Decrease 42
Child's Treasury,	24,400	24,850	Increase 450
Lämmerhirte,	7,720	6,824	Decrease 896

COST OF PAPERS AND INCOME COMPARED.

Messenger, paper, composition, press work and expediting,		$7,176	81
Receipts for the year,.....	$8,137 66		
Kirchenzeitung, paper, composition, press work and exped.		3,253	53
Receipts for the year,.....	$2,828 43		
Guardian, paper, composition, press work and expediting,		1,297	58
Receipts for the year,.....	$1,172 96		
Stock on hand,.....	750 00		
Due on subscription,.....	1,709 00		
Review, composition, press work, paper and expediting, ...		1,131	61
Receipts for the year,.....	$712 50		
Stock on hand,.....	1,490 00		
Due on subscription,.....	837 00		
Child's Treasury, paper, composition, press work and exp.		2,325	52
Receipts for the year,.....	$2,832 37		
Due on subscription,.....	1,118 83		
Lämmerhirte, paper, composition, press work and expedit.		961	47
Receipts for the year,.....	$1,477 13		
Dues,.....	175 00		
Number of copies of books printed,.....		53,950	

From the foregoing statement, it will be perceived, that the liabilities of the Board have considerably increased during the year. This has been occasioned mainly by the unusual difficulty attending the collection of outstanding dues. Special efforts were made to effect such collections. They were not, however, attended with the success expected or desired. To show this, though the fact is of general application, it is sufficient to state, that the single items to be provided for by the Publishing Fund have involved an expenditure exceeding by nearly $2,000 the amount received in its behalf. As an offset to this particular expenditure, however, the actual addition thereby made to the assets of the Board must be taken into account. Besides this, the *bona fide* subscriptions to the Publishing Fund still due, amounting to between $4,000 and $5,000, might very properly be added to the assets of the Board.

It will be seen also, that whilst the liabilities of the Board have been increased, as stated, the assets, at the same time, have likewise increased, and that to an amount exceeding more than twice the increase of liabilities. It is true, that this increase in the amount of assets has been occasioned in part by the fact, that the dues to the "Messenger" and "Kirchenzeitung" have heretofore been simply estimated, and suffered to remain unchanged during several years, but are now reported by actual count and found to be larger than was estimated. Still the increase in assets outside of that which proceeds from this source, is considerably larger than the increase of liabilities.

The annual statement also shows a small increase in the subscription-list of the "Messenger." In view of the fact, that, except in a

very few instances, no special effort has been made during the year, to procure subscribers to the "Messenger," and more than usual appliances also have been brought to bear in different quarters to cut down its circulation, this result is truly gratifying to the friends of the paper. It is to be hoped also, that, during the coming year, such activity in its behalf will be manifested, as will secure the addition of at least one thousand subscribers before its close.

In the subscription-list of the "Kirchenzeitung," we regret to say, there has been a considerable decrease. This has been occasioned mainly by the fact, anticipated, and alluded to in our last annual report, that the paper has been almost entirely supplanted by the "Hausfreund," in the Pennsylvania German districts. As a consequence, the expenses incurred during the past year in publishing the paper, have exceeded the actual receipts fully $1,000. This aspect of affairs necessarily starts the serious question, whether the Synod will not be obliged to choose between the alternative of either uniting the two papers under some form, that may possibly meet the different existing wants among our German population, or issuing the "Kirchenzeitung" simply semi-monthly, unless perhaps it be possible to rally that portion of the German population, in whose interest it is more especially published, more heartily to its support. The paper itself, it is generally admitted, is most ably edited and worthy of a liberal patronage.

A small addition has been made to the subscription-list of the "Guardian," whilst a small decrease has taken place in that of the "Review." Both these publications are well worthy of a more general and hearty support.

The addition to the number of copies of the "Child's Treasury" issued, is quite encouraging. At the same time, a falling off in that of the "Lämmerhirte" is reported. This latter, it is believed, will be more than made up during the coming year, by the change effected in the editorial department, the new editor having had considerable experience in this sphere of labor. Both papers show an encouraging improvement in the receipts on their account, making up effectually for whatever deficiencies may have occurred during any of the previous years of their existence.

The increased activity in the Book department is an encouraging feature connected with our Publication operations. The right to publish the works of the Rev. Drs. Harbaugh and Gerhart, and the Rev. B. Bausman and Samuel Philips, held by Lindsay & Blakiston, was purchased at a cost of $1,000, and the stereotype plates of Dr. Harbaugh's "True Glory of Woman" for $125, and the stock on hand of these several works, including a small number of copies of the Rev. Dr. Bomberger's "Infant Salvation," at the original cost. In addition to this, the following works have been stereotyped during the year: "Whitmer's Sacred Geography," "Whitmer's Child's Catechism," Tract entitled "Table Prayers," "Salome the Dancer," "The Life of Cain," "Gospel Lessons," "Ripe Harvest," "The Old

School Master," "Holyday Stories," and "Leo Rembrandt" The copyrights of the five last named works have been kindly donated to the Board by their respective authors, for which the Board duly tendered them a vote of thanks. Of several of the other works named, the copyrights have been purchased by the Board on reasonable terms.

In addition to these works, the Board has also published a volume prepared by the Rev. George B Russell, entitled "Creed and Customs of the Reformed Church," which has met with a ready sale. The copyright of the work was offered to the Board. No action, however, was taken upon the offer, because the Board, at the time, did not feel itself in a condition to warrant it to make the purchase. There are still other approved manuscripts in the possession of the Board, one of which is in the hands of the stereotyper, and the others will also be stereotyped in due season, in case the funds necessary to cover the expenses shall be at command.

In obedience to the instructions of Synod, the Inaugural Addresses of the Rev. Drs. Higbee and Gerhart were published in pamphlet form. It must be added, however, that all the copies, except a small number purchased by the authors themselves, are still unsold.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board, held in July last, a charge to be made for all acknowledgments in the papers of the various Boards, also for cards, marriage notices and obituaries, usually required to be paid for by other religious papers, was authorized. This measure was deemed nothing more than equitable and just, and necessary to repay the Board for the increased expenses incurred in having such matter set up in type.

Our Publication operations form acknowledgedly one of the great and growing interests of the Church. They are, therefore, justly entitled to the hearty and general support of its membership, and should receive it. If they are to be brought fully into successful operation, the Board must be put in possession of a suitable Publishing House, and for procuring the funds to secure it, definite arrangements ought to be made without delay. The lease of our present place of business expires on the 1st of April next, and it is uncertain whether we can remain in our present location longer than to that period, were it even thought desirable to do so. A suitable house owned and controlled by the Board, would serve to give permanency and greater efficiency to its operations.

Much also needs to be done in behalf of the Book publishing department. Not only should those, who have kindly subscribed to its Funds, promptly pay their subscriptions, but also measures should be taken to secure a regular annual return from the churches to its Funds, so that the Board may have it in its power to add continually to its publications, such works as the special wants of the Church demand.

As will be inferred from what has already been stated, the Board has not procured a Publishing House of its own, nor have any contributions been received towards effecting a purchase. The Board

also made efforts to secure a special agent to work in its interests as authorized by the Synod, but these efforts have thus far been unsuccessful.

To the several items presented in this report, the Synod will doubtless give respectful attention, and take such action as the peculiar and pressing needs in each case require. It will also devolve upon the Synod to act on the appointment of Rev. G. B. Russell as associate Editor of the "Messenger," to elect a permanent Editor for the "Kirchenzeitung," and to make provision for the perpetuation of the Board itself, according to the provisions of the Charter under which it is now acting.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

Oct. 22, 1869.

In connection with the reception of the Annual Report of the Board of Publication, the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, with the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart in the chair, for the purpose of taking up the general subject of publication. After the subject was fully discussed, the Committee arose and reported, submitting as the result of its deliberations, the following resolutions. with the intervening preamble, to the Synod, which were received and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Committee, that the Synod should instruct its Board of Publication, that hereafter no book shall be published except it first receive the joint endorsement of three fourths of the respective Boards of Examiners and Book Editors.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication be instructed to recommend the election of a German Board of Examiners.

Inasmuch as the object of the Synod in establishing the Book Fund was to create a Church literature breathing the distinctive spirit of our Church,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication, the Book Editor and the Book Examiners, be hereby instructed to be strictly governed by this principle in all their publications.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Committee on Publication to provide, 1) for the publication of German books for the use of Sunday-schools and families; 2) for continuing the publication of the "Kirchenzeitung" in its present form; and 3) for the appointment of a German book Editor, who shall also be the editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," and likewise the "Lämmerhirte," if practicable.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to consider the possibility and expediency of reducing the subscription price of the "Messenger."

The following report was received from the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in session at Danville, Pa.

REVEREND BRETHREN.—The undersigned committee, in compliance with their duty, herewith report the condition of the "Hausfreund," for the Synodical year just closed.

The "Hausfreund" survives the contingencies and has passed through the experiences incident to every newspaper. In the midst of loss and gain, it has sustained its existence. Members have declined to receive its visits; others, to a greater number, have solicited them; and with many it has gained favor, and they bid it heartily welcome, so that its continued existence is tolerably certain. Its subscription list has increased to about 3000. The receipts derived therefrom, cover the expenses; it must be borne in mind, however, that its editor, as heretofore, and as he is still willing to do, has performed the onerous labors of his position without any compensation. We accordingly report to the Reverend Synod, the certain continuation of our "Hausfreund."

The mission of the paper is no insignificant one for us East Pennsylvanians. We feel this more and more. In many respects the "Hausfreund" renders us important assistance in our congregations. Ecclesiastical intelligence and a familiarity with the enterprises of the Church are by means of it extended and promoted amongst our members, and there is every prospect that a corresponding activity will grow out of this. The several Boards of the Church have had opportunity to observe this, if they compare their present receipts from this part of the Church with those of former years.

The "Hausfreund" will continue to seek to improve its character, and more and more to fulfill its mission. The controversies of the Church do not belong to its sphere, and they will not be allowed to interfere with its aims. It seeks to bind together and not to separate, and to unite where division has taken place.

Will the Reverend Synod continue to look with favor upon this unassuming messenger of its affection, and speak a good word for it to its congregations; for it needs to be circulated in yet many Pennsylvania German families, in order to increase its usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HELFRICH,
C. H. LEINBACH,
Committee.

October 19th, 1869.

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Publication respectfully submit the following report:

The documents placed in the hands of the Committee are the following:

1. The annual report of the Board of Publication.

2. Resolutions of instruction to the Committee on Publication adopted by Synod in committee of the whole

3. Report of the committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund."

It appears from the report of the Board of Publication, that its affairs have been carried forward with characteristic energy and zeal, during the year. From the 6th of April last the business of the Board has been conducted under the charter, submitted to and approved of by the Synod at its last annual meeting. According to the provision of this Charter, it will devolve upon Synod, during its present sessions, to provide for the election of a new Board of Trustees. The committee would recommend the re election of the present Board.

It will be seen that the business operations of the Board in its present locality, where a providential dispensation seems to have placed it, are increasing year by year; and that its success, in spite of the peculiar difficulties with which it has to contend, furnish abundant evidence, that its present locality is the proper one, and that it were unwise for the present, at least until sufficient time is allowed to test fully the experiment, to tamper with its present location.

A full and satisfactory statement of its financial condition, furnished the Board by its Treasurer, accompanies the report, from which your Committee gather the following. The receipts of the Board from all sources during the current year amount to $43,508.08. Total disbursements $44,866.17, from which it appears that the disbursements have exceeded the receipts to the amount of $1.358.09. There has been an increase of liabilities to the amount of $5,045 90, but at the same time, an increase of assets to the amount of $10.767.07.

At an early period of the year, the Board associated with the present Editor, Rev. G. B. Russell, as Co-Editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," which arrangement Synod will be required to confirm.

In the subscription lists of the church periodicals, it appears, that in the case of some there has been an encouraging increase, whilst in that of others there has been a falling off. It is painfully manifest to your Committee, that these periodicals are not so extensively circulated among our people as their own merits, and the best interests of the Church demand. This is owing in part perhaps to the present price of subscription, in the case of the "Messenger," but largely, if not mainly in the case of all our periodicals, to the want of a definite and systematic effort on the part of pastors and consistories to extend their circulation. Some plan ought to be inaugurated, and persistently carried forward, until a copy of the church papers is placed in every family of the Church within the bounds of Synod.

The Committee consider our German Publication interests of great importance, and as it feels the neglect of the past in this direction, it is convinced, that proper measures, the end of which may be realized in future, to encourage these interests, will compensate for any losses,

that may be incurred for the present. The resolutions which we offer may not exactly meet the present need, but they look forward to changes, which ultimately will result in the ends desired.

The "Hausfreund" continues to pursue the even tenor of its way, in the fulfilment of the important mission for which it was started, and which it is so successfully filling.

The "Guardian," and "Child's Treasury," have been carried forward with commendable zeal and ability; meeting with increased favor among the people.

There has been some falling off in the subscription list of the "Review." As this depends perhaps mainly for its support upon the Alumni of the College and Seminary, the Pastors and Elders of the congregations, it behooves them to make renewed efforts in its behalf, so as to make it self-supporting.

Your Committee take pleasure in referring to the increased activity manifested in the Book Publishing department. The long-looked-for period in the history of the Reformed Church seems to be dawning, whence we may date the beginning at least of a denominational literature, suited to the genius and spirit of the Church, and the wants of our people. The Synod realizes, that this enterprise may become a fountain of immense good for the Church in the present, and for all time to come, if animated and pervaded by the distinctive denominational life of the Reformed Church, but a useless expenditure of energy and means, and perhaps an engine of positive injury to the Church, if not well guarded in this direction. We have a distinctive mission to fulfil in the sacramental hosts of God's Church, or we have none. If we have one, as we believe we have, and that it is distinctive in its nature, it becomes at once a vital question, as to what shall be the animus and character of the literature, that may pass through the hands of the Board for dissemination throughout the Church.

As the object of the Synod in the establishment of the Board was to create a church literature, breathing the distinctive spirit of our Church, it is expected that the Board of Publication, the Book Editors, and the Boards of Examiners shall confine themselves strictly, in all their publications, to the expressed wishes of Synod in this particular.

Summing up the foregoing the Committee would suggest the following action:

Resolved, 1. That it be recommended to the Board of Publication, to reappoint the present Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," for the present year, giving to the Board full liberty to make such changes, if occasion demand, as to combine the contemplated German Book Editorship with that of the "Kirchenzeitung" or "Lämmerhirte."

Resolved, 2. That we request the Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," to edit the paper in a more popular style, without lowering its standard, and that he make personal efforts by way of correspondence with pastors of German congregations, to increase the subscription list.

Resolved, 3. That Synod proceed to elect a German Book Editor, together with three others, who shall constitute a German Board of Examiners.

Resolved, 4. That the German Book Editor be instructed to secure, if possible, for the Publication of the German Sunday-school Books, the use of the five hundred dollar fund. which was donated to the General Synod by the Rev. Dr. Schaff, during the tercentenary year, and which Synod resolved to appropriate to this object.

Resolved, 5, That hereafter no Book be published by the Board, unless it shall have received the endorsement of three-fourths of the respective Boards of Examiners.

Resolved, 6. That the pastors, under the jurisdiction of this Synod, be ordered to bring the subject of the circulation of the authorized church periodicals before their consistories, and secure the appointment of one or more suitable persons to act as agents in extending their circulation, and that the pastors report the result to their respective Classes, at their next ensuing annual meeting.

Resolved, 7. That a special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred the subject of securing a Publishing House in Philadelphia, and to devise some plan for raising funds for this purpose, and also for the Book Concern.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. APPLE,
WM. M. LANDIS,
J. S. KIEFFER,
J. B. KNIEST,
H P. DIEHL,
Committee.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Adam B. Wingerd were appointed a committee to propose the order of succession of the Trustees of the Board of Publication under the provisions of the Charter, and report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The appointment of the Rev. George B. Russell as Associate Editor of the "Messenger" was confirmed.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., John B. Kniest and Marcus Bachman were appointed a committee to nominate a German Book Editor and a German Board of Examiners. This committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The Rev. Nicholas Gehr was appointed German Book Editor, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee, and the Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., John B. Kniest and Marcus Bachman were appointed the German Board of Examiners.

The Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart was substituted in the place of the Rev. Nicholas Gehr in the English Board of Examiners.

In response to the sixth resolution contained in the Report of the Committee on Publication, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of the respective charges be requested to report some responsible person to the Business Agent of the Publication Board, who will act as agent of the Board in his charge.

Rev. George B. Russell Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Dr. Samuel H. Giesy, and Elders Charles Santee and George Gelbach were appointed the committee called for in the last resolution in the report of the Committee on Publication.

The request of the Classis of Mercersburg in relation to the operations of the agents of unauthorized publications, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was taken into consideration in connection with the action of Synod on the report of the Committee on Publication, when the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod emphatically pronounces its disapproval of the efforts complained of by the Classis of Mercersburg, by certain persons, to discourage the circulation of the authorized publications of the Church, and declares that all such efforts are evidences of disaffection, and that the attention of the Board of Publication be directed to this subject, with a view to their discovering, and if possible, subjecting to discipline, parties guilty of such efforts.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to make special efforts to be fully assured, that the agents whom they employ, are in sympathy with the spirit and theology of our Church.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the memorial of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, in reference to the German Hymn Book prepared by himself and others, presented to the Synod at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1859, as found on pages 105 to 108 of its Minutes, it is stated, that he has made an agreement with one of the publishing houses in Philadelphia, for the publication of said hymn book, in which is "expressly reserved for Synod, the right to the purchase of the copyright, on the simple condition of paying the expenses and assuming the stock on hand at cost;"

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to inquire into the present attitude of this subject, and if found unchanged, to effect the purchase of the said copyright, in case they shall deem it expedient to do so.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to secure as soon as possible the manuscripts and books of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, with a view to the publication of the manuscripts, or as many of them as may be deemed desirable to put into this form.

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Uriah H. Heilman and Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart constitute this committee.

The Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart was requested to furnish a copy of the sermon, preached by him at the opening of the sessions of Synod, for publication in the "Reformed Church Messenger." A similar request was made of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, in regard to the sermon preached by him on the Monday evening included in the sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

A delegate *secundus*, having been notified by a delegate *primarius* to attend the sessions of Synod in his place, after he had failed to secure the attendance of his regular *secundus*, his right to a seat in preference to other *secundi* in advance of him on the list, was called in question, on the ground, that he was not the regular *secundus* in the case. The Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Samuel N. Callender and John F. Busche were appointed a committee to report a minute defining the relations of *primarii* and *secundi* delegates. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the name of the delegate *secundus*, whose right to a seat was called in question, enrolled:

The committee to whom was referred the question of the order, in which *secundi* are to take the place of *primarii* as delegates on the floor of Synod, respectfully recommend to Synod the adoption of the following:

(1) The Synod will always recognize the authority of a Classis to determine the order in which it prefers to be represented by alternates, as expressed by a formal rule or established custom, or by special act, and recommends to every Classis, in some form or other, to determine the order of representation.

(2) If, in the absence of any rule, custom, or special act, a *primarius*, who cannot in person represent his Classis, or be represented by his proper alternate, shall provide Synod with a delegate in the person of any other alternate, Synod will recognize this provision of a *primarius*, and give it precedence.

(3) In the absence of such special provision by a *primarius*, the Stated Clerk of Synod shall call over the names of the alternates in the order in which they are furnished by the Classis.

(4) An alternate admitted to a seat, cannot, without his consent, be superseded by any other alternate, who may precede him on the list.

(5) Synod recommends to all the Classes to arrange the names of *primarii* and *secundi*, according to the number of votes, which they receive.

E. V. GERHART,
S. N. CALLENDER,
J. F. BUSCHE,
Committee.

The Committee on Overtures reported a memorial from sundry German ministers in connection with this Synod, asking Synod to adopt such measures as may be necessary to provide for the organization of German Classes, on territory occupied at the same time by English Classes. The memorial was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. John F. Busche, Charles H. Leinbach, J. C. Julius Kurtz, and Elders George H. Mengel and John Lutz. To the same committee was also referred, the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, relating to the same subject. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the action of the Philadelphia Classis, and the memorial of several German brethren, looking to the formation of German Classes, respectfully report:

That they have taken the subject into proper consideration, and are impressed with the reasonableness and importance of the object aimed at by the Classis and the memorialists. The creating of Classes composed of German congregations, on the same territory occupied by English Classes, must contribute essentially to the promotion of the interests of the German portion of the Church, and at the same time, also, greatly add to the prosperity of our English congregations. The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That, in accordance with the wishes of the Classis of Philadelphia, and of the memorialists, the General Synod be requested to take the steps necessary to secure such modification of the Constitution of the Church, as will provide for the organization of German Classes on territory occupied at the same time by English Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BUSCHE,
J. C. J. KURTZ,
C. H. LEINBACH,
G. H. MENGEL,
JOHN LUTZ,
Committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported the action of the Synod at Hagerstown, deferring the consideration of the report of the Committee on Lay Baptism, presented to the Synod at Baltimore, until the present sessions. The Committee on Minutes of Classes also reported the action of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, asking Synod to give a definite decision on the subject discussed in the above report, without delay. The request of the Classis was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart and Samuel N. Callender. This committee submitted the following report:

The committee charged with the duty of preparing an answer to the request of the Classis of East Pennsylvania on the subject of Lay Baptism, recommend the adoption of the following Minute:

The case which gave rise to this request, was that of the baptism of a child by its mother, when it was thought the child would not live, and no minister could be procured. When the child grew up, and came forward for confirmation, the question of the validity of its baptism came up, the mother insisting that it was valid. The case was referred by the pastor to the Classis, and from thence to this Synod. Without considering it necessary at this time to give judgment at large on the general subject of Lay-Baptism, this Synod, looking simply at the particular case, out of which the question from the Classis of East Pennsylvania has arisen, declares the baptism reported, on the supposition of its having been performed regularly in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to have been valid, and such as to need no repetition. Every such case, however, where the subject of the baptism continues in life, ought to be formally examined and publicly acknowledged by the minister of the Church to which it belongs; and should there be serious doubt in regard to the fact of its having been rightly performed, recourse ought to be had for the relief of all concerned, to what is known as hypothetical baptism.

J. W. NEVIN,
E. V. GERHART,
S. N. CALLENDER,
Committee.

After considerable discussion the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next Annual Sessions of Synod, to be taken up on the morning of the third day of the sessions at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod called attention to the action of the Synod at its last annual sessions, appointing a committee to report on the relations Elders sustain to Pastors. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the last Synod to consider the question, *What relations do Elders sustain to Pastors?* report respectfully as follows:

In its wide sense, the term *Elder* agrees with *Presbyter*, which is used interchangably again in the New Testament with *Bishop*. What was thus a general common office in the beginning, underwent afterwards a double distinction; resolving itself in the Episcopal system into bishops and presbyters, and in the Presbyterian system into Pastors or Preaching Elders and Ruling Elders. Some have pretended to find this second class of Elders, as a separate order, in the New Testament; but it is generally admitted now that this is a mistake. All we can say is, that the New Testament Eldership included in it the two different functions of preaching and ruling; that the Church had a right to derive from this, as she did in

latter times, the institution of ruling elders; just as at a very early day the episcopate also was drawn forth from the bosom of the same common office. In any view, however, ministers of the word and modern elders are to be considered as having part originally in the same general Divine commission and work. Radically their office is one. They are alike put into the same Christian ministry (in its broad view) by the Saviour Himself, which they are required alike then to exercise also by His authority and for His praise.

"No such office," as we are told in the Liturgy, "is of merely human origin or authority. There are diversities of gifts, and differences of administrations, in the Church; but all proceed from the same Lord through the power of one and the same Spirit. Men may be chosen and called to their particular ministry by the voice of their fellow-men; but their ministry itself comes to them not from earth, but from heaven; not from the people they serve, but from God. Its rights and powers, its duties and responsibilities, all flow from that jurisdiction of Christ in His Church, which is the fruit of His glorious resurrection, and which is to be regarded as a new order of life and power in the world, extending with real unbroken succession from the day of Pentecost onward continually to the end of time."

Ruling elders, thus, are not properly lay delegates simply, as they are sometimes called, in the sense of representing the *people* of the Church over against the ministry; as political delegates, for example, are chosen by a body of constituents to utter their collective mind and voice. It is a degradation to the Christian Eldership to conceive of it in any such low view as this. Elders are not what committee men are in the Congregational system, nor what mere vestry-men are in the Episcopal system. They are part of the general presbyterate, of which the ministers of the word are another part. In every congregation, the minister or pastor and the elders form together a Consistory or joint college, charged in common with its spiritual interests. The pastor is the head of the college, the presiding elder of the body, to whom is committed especially the dispensation of the word and sacraments; while the other elders stand round him as advisers and helpers in the general work of overseeing and caring for the flock.

Hence their duties, as described in our office for their ordination. "They are bound to take part in the work of the ministry, so far as it has to do with this pastoral oversight and rule. They are to be the advisers and counsellors of the minister in his episcopal trust; they are to be to him as hands and eyes, acting with him and for him, and representing his presence throughout the congregation. It is their province to go before the flock in the way of Christian example, to watch over it in the Lord, to take an active interest in its spiritual welfare, to feel a responsibility for its condition, to be at hand in all circumstances with spiritual aid for its necessities and wants. It belongs to them, in virtue of their office, to visit the sick and the afflicted, to instruct the ignorant, to admonish such as are out of the way, to warn the unruly, to command and rebuke with authority

in Christ's name. To them, moreover, in conjunction with the pastor, belongs the whole discipline of the Church, the power of the keys, as exercised both in the form of censure and in the form of absolution."

It is hardly necessary to say, that, in such "conjunction with the pastor," ruling elders have, of course, no office which is not at the same time also *his* office as well as theirs; and that it would be a monstrous abuse of their ministry, therefore, to suppose that it might be properly exercised in the government of the Church without his being allowed, in any way, to take part in it. He is by the very conception of his office, as already said, the *presiding* elder of the body or college of elders, and this cannot be complete in its powers and functions without his headship. A consistory which should exclude the minister from its sessions, and pretend to govern the congregation, independently of him, and without him, as though it were a superior, separate power, would be a preposterous anomaly, which must subvert in the end the true idea of Church Government altogether.

Such, in a general view, is the relation of the ministry of the ruling elder in our Church, to the ministry of the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. NEVIN, Chairman.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this report be published in our church papers in both the English and German languages, together with such remarks as the author of the report may think proper to add.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to publish the report, together with the additional remarks, in tract or pamphlet form in both the German and English languages.

The Committee on Overtures reported a memorial from members of the Clarion, St. Paul's and West New York Classes, asking that these several Classes be dismissed for the purpose of organizing a Synod, in connection with the Classes of Westmoreland, of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States. The Committee on Minutes of Classes also reported the action of the several Classes named, embodying similar requests. The memorial and the action of the Classes were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Charles H. Leinbach, William M. Reily, and Elders Thomas Deshler and Joshua Motter. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the application of the Classes of Clarion, St. Paul and West New York, for their dismissal at this time from this Synod, with the view to the formation, in connection with the Classis of Westmoreland, of a District Synod, respectfully report,

That they have carefully considered this request, and have listened to the statements of the representatives of the several Classes, and feel that the claim of these brethren is strong in itself and strengthened by peculiar circumstances surrounding them; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted, and that they be, and hereby are, dismissed from this Synod (Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States), for the purpose of forming the contemplated District Synod, and that so soon as the said Synod be organized, their relation to this Synod shall cease.

J. O. MILLER,
W. M. REILY,
JOSHUA MOTTER,
THOMAS DESHLER.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported the action of the General Synod held at Dayton, Ohio, in November, 1866, declaring the "Order of Worship," prepared under the direction of this Synod, to be "a book proper to be used in the families and congregations of our Church." The subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Geo. Dering Wolff, Samuel Miller, Martin A. Smith, and Elders Henry Wirt, and Adam B. Wingerd. This committee submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the action of the Synod at Dayton upon the subject of the Liturgy, respectfully report the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod reiterates its approbation of the action of the General Synod of Dayton.

Resolved, That in the light of its whole experience from the first inception of its Liturgical movement, up to the present time, and particularly in view of the experience of the last few years, this Synod reaffirms its past decisions respecting the "Order of Worship."

Resolved, That it is the conviction of this Synod, that no action is required, at present, in regard to the "Order of Worship," beyond that taken by the Synod at Dayton, which this Synod has always approved, and, now solemnly declares to be also its action.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, each Synod should be left to freely work out its own solution of the Liturgical question, on the basis of the action taken by the General Synod at Dayton.

Resolved, That in accordance with the principle of the action of the General Synod at Dayton, it is the sense of this Synod, that the Western Liturgy should be placed on the same basis, on which the "Order of Worship" has been placed, in case, on examination by the General Synod, it be found that it is a book "proper to be used in the congregations and families of the Reformed Church."

Resolved, That it is due especially to the German portion of our Church, that no further action should be taken in reference to the

"Order of Worship" until an opportunity shall have been afforded them to have this "Order of Worship," and put it fairly on trial in their own language, in order that our German as well as our English congregations may judge of its adaptation to its wants, and that,—to use the language of the resolutions of the General Synod at Dayton, —"the movement in the German Reformed Church in reference to Liturgical Worship should be left to work out its legitimate results in a free and untrammeled way."

Resolved, That, as it appears that a translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language has been made under the direction of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, in accordance with permission granted by the Synod of Baltimore, a committee of five be appointed by this Synod, who shall examine the translation referred to, and if found satisfactory, shall give it their approval; and the Board of Publication be instructed to proceed in its publication with all due expedition, in case it meet the approval of said committee.

GEO. DERING WOLFF,
S. MILLER,
M. A. SMITH,
H. WIRT,
A. B. WINGERD,
Committee.

The Rev. John W. Nevin, Samuel Miller, John F. Busche, John B. Kniest, and Benjamin Bausman constitute the committee called for in the last resolution in the above report.

The following report was received from the President of the Synod at Hagerstown, who had been appointed, for the purposes specified, to visit the Christ Evangelical Reformed Church in Philadelphia, and adopted:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened at Danville, Oct. 20th, 1869.

The undersigned, appointed by the Synod of the German Reformed Church, convened at Hagerstown in October, 1868, to visit Christ Church in Philadelphia, to represent certain action taken by said Synod, &c., respectfully reports,

That he attended to the duty assigned him. He visited Philadelphia the second Sunday after the adjournment of Synod, and preached a sermon in Christ Church, in which he explained the action of Synod, and endeavored to give such encouragement and counsel to that congregation as he deemed appropriate.

THOS. G. APPLE.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as irregular, the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, carrying the case of Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger directly to the General Synod in a judicial form.

This item was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, William C. Cremer, and Elders Joseph Laubach, and William A. Wilt. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred item 2, reported among Irregularities, by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, present the following report:

1.) The case submitted to them, they find to be a complaint from he Classis of Philadelphia against the action of the Synod of Hagerstown; and a petition to the General Synod to decide, "whether the proceedings were regular and in accordance with the Constitution and customs of the Reformed Church," in causing Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, one of its delegates, to *retract*, what they deemed offensive and slanderous language, under penalty of excluding him from the privilege of a seat among them. Your committee consider this question to be purely a question of *privilege*, which is recognized universally, as belonging to all legislative and deliberative bodies everywhere, and are of the opinion, that every such body has a right to *decide* for itself, what it considers offensive and slanderous. The Synod of Hagerstown, by their action in the case, did not *pretend* to take from Dr. John H. A. Bomberger his office as a minister or delegate of said Classis, but said in *their* judgment he was unworthy of their association, so long as he did not retract, what *they* deemed offensive and slanderous language against their reverend body. Moreover, your committee deem, that the Synod at Hagerstown adopted the mildest course that charity and justice to its character could suggest in the premises. For had they followed the suggestions of their committee, the judgment of the Synod might have been more severe in the case.

2.) Your committee consider, that the action of the Classis of Philadelphia in this case involves more than petition (the right of which no one disputes), and is virtually a complaint against the Synod of Hagerstown, involving an investigation and process of trial, looking to a final decision in the case; and inasmuch as the Synod has not received any notice officially of such complaint, the action of said Classis of Philadelphia was irregular.

3.) Your committee would recommend, that this case of complaint and petition, on the part of the Classis of Philadelphia, be referred to the committee already appointed to take charge of all Synod's interests before the General Synod.

J. O. MILLER,
E. V. GERHART,
W. C. CREMER,
W. A. WILT,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
Committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as an irregularity, the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, deciding finally in the case of the Rev. J. C. Beinhauer in his absence, suspending him from the office of the holy ministry. This action was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel N. Callender, John F. Busche, and T. Frank Hoffmeier, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was refered the case of discipline from the Classis of Philadelphia, beg leave to report as follows:

The Rev. J. C. Beinhauer was arraigned before the Classis of Philadelphia, on a charge affecting his moral character. The trial was regularly entered upon, and proceeded as far as the hearing of the testimony. At this point, in the presence of defendant, Classis adjourned to a subsequent date. Classis again met in pursuance of adjournment, but the defendant did not appear. After waiting perhaps an hour for him, Classis, being persuaded that he was cognizant of the hour of adjournment, proceeded to consider the case, and adjudging him guilty, passed sentence of suspension from the office of the Christian ministry upon him. From this, it will appear, that the defendant had no opportunity of making his defence in the form of a formal plea, which he has since considered a great wrong and an act of injustice on the part of Classis. He has not since made any proper, constitutional effort to have his case opened for a rehearing. Your committee are of the opinion, that the Classis of Philadelphia acted rightly in the premises, upon the principle that a defendant cannot arrest the progress of his trial by absenting himself from court; and that the proper course for the defendant in this case, if he considers himself wronged, is to ask the Classis of Philadelphia for an opening of his case, and if he can justify his absence above referred to, she ought to grant his request and hear his plea.

Respectfully submitted,
S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Philadelphia requested Synod to reiterate its action, requiring ministers to connect themselves with the Classis, in the bounds of which they reside. In response to this request the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, the spirit of the Constitution requires every minister to connect himself with the Classis, in the bounds of which he resides.

A number of delegates to the Synod at Hagerstown were absent at the final roll call. The action of the several Classes in the case of their own delegates was reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, from which it appeared, that they were generally excused by their Classes, and in some instances, a request was added asking

Synod to remove the censure passed upon their delegates. The Rev. Jacob O. Miller, John W. Love, George E. Addams, and Elders Joshua Motter, and Henry Wirt were appointed a committee to report on the general rule relating to such cases. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to report a rule, governing the Synod in excusing its members, who may leave the Synod without permission, beg leave respectfully to report the following:

Resolved, 1st. That the Synod alone has power to excuse those, who absent themselves from its sessions without permission.

Resolved, 2d. That when any member is censured by the Synod for absence without permission, the censure can only be removed upon satisfactory reasons being given to the Synod, either in person, or through the Classis which he represents.

J. O. MILLER,
GEO. E. ADDAMS,
J. W. LOVE,
HENRY WIRT,
JOSHUA MOTTER, *Committee.*

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the several absentees at the final roll call at the last annual sessions of Synod be excused.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The constitutional relations of the Synods and the General Synod, are still open to discussion in the Church, and, whereas this subject will be brought to the consideration of the approaching General Synod, in connection with the revised constitution; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed to prepare a report expressing the sense of this Synod, upon the general subject of these relations.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart be the chairman of this committee.

Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Jacob O. Miller, Dr. Daniel Gans, John F. Busche, Samuel N Callender, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Samuel Miller, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Joseph Laubach, constitute the additional members of the committee called for in the foregoing resolutions.

This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the question concerning the relation of the General Synod to the Synods and Classes, offer the following report:

The general question referred for consideration to your committee, embraces a series of subordinate questions, which pertain to the propriety, organization and authority of the General Synod. We present them in their natural order:

1. Should the organization of the German Reformed Church, under a General Synod, be continued? A question that must be weighed and decided in the light of two things; the one is, the broad theological differences prevailing between the Institutions and a majority of the churches of the West, and those of the East; the other, that this Synod cannot recede from her present theological position, nor compromise her general views concerning liturgical worship.

2. If, notwithstanding these differences, the Church ought to be thus organized, then, should the General Synod possess ultimate legislative and judicial authority, like the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; or should it be only an advisory body, like the General Synod of the Lutheran Church?

3. If the General Synod ought to be, not an advisory body, bu an authoritative court, then two other questions arise:

The first is, How should the General Synod be constituted? by the Classes, or by the Synods? Should delegates be chosen by the lower or by the higher judicatories?

The second is, Should the power of the General Synod be limited or unlimited?

4. If the General Synod be constituted, not by the Classes, but by the Synods, then should all the Classes be represented in the delegates chosen by the Synods; or should the Synod choose delegates irrespectively of their connection with this or that Classis?

5. If the power of the General Synod be unlimited, then should this unlimited power be both judicial and legislative?

6. If the power of the General Synod be limited, then what are the powers which it should possess, and what power should be ultimate in the Synods?

Inasmuch as the General Synod is engaged in revising the Constitution of the Church. and as these are questions of fundamental significance, in regard to which there are serious differences of opinion, your committee recommend, that this Synod respectfully request the General Synod not to proceed with the revision of the Constitution, on the assumption that the points involved in these questions have been satisfactorily settled, but to take them into earnest consideration, in order, if possible, to reach such conclusions as will secure a more efficient and harmonious working of our church organization.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART,
JOHN W. NEVIN,
JACOB O. MILLER,
DANIEL GANS
JOHN F. BUSCHE,
SAMUEL N. CALLENDER,
SAMUEL R. FISHER,
SAMUEL MILLER,
DANIEL W. GROSS,
JOSEPH LAUBACH.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A communication from Mrs. Lucinda Wilson, widow of the late Rev. Elijah B. Wilson, deceased, asking for pecuniary aid, was reported by the Committee on Overtures. The communication was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Franklin J. Mohr, Jacob O Miller, Samuel H. Reid, and Elder Henry Wirt. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the case of Mrs. Lucinda Wilson would respectfully report as follows:

Inasmuch as no special provision is made for such cases by this Synod, and it does not strictly fall within the province of this body, yet sympathizing deeply with the family of the lamented Rev. Mr. Wilson in their pressing need,

Resolved, That her case be recommended to the favorable consideration of the "Widows' Fund Society," and they be requested to extend such assistance as they may deem advisable.

F. J. MOHR,
J. O. MILLER,
S. H. REID,
H. WIRT.

The communication from the widow was also referred to this society.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported the action of Synod at Hagerstown, appointing a committee to raise the means for erecting a monument to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh. This committee submitted the following report:

The committee appointed by the Synod of Hagerstown, 1868, to solicit funds for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, deceased, present the following report:

In the judgment of your committee, a monument ought to be erected, at once substantial and simple in design, which shall answer to the prevailing idea concerning the genius, spirit and character of this noble servant of the Church. Such a monument will cost not less than five hundred dollars. An effort has been made to collect this sum. Though there is a general willingness on the part of ministers, elders and laymen to respond, yet, owing to the great stringency in the money market prevailing during the greater part of the year, we have received no more than eighty-one dollars. There is no doubt, however, as to the practicability of collecting the small sum required; and we recommend, therefore, that the effort be continued during the ensuing year.

E. V. GERHART,
Chairman.

The report was received, adopted and the committee continued, with instructions to proceed immediately to carry out the object of

their appointment. Subscriptions and contributions were received from the members of Synod and others present. Contributions were also received towards the erection of a similar monument over the grave of the Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Rauch, first President of Marshall College. In each case an amount was secured, which, it is thought, is sufficient to secure the object contemplated. The committee was authorized to receive the moneys contributed for both purposes. The following resolutions were subsequently adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to raise the means for the erection of the Harbaugh monument be empowered to procure a proper design and go forward in the erection of said monument.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to confer with the committee of the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College with reference to the Rauch monument, co-operating with the committee, and urge forward the erection of the same as soon as possible.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Synod, that the Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, now an aged father in our midst, for many years a distinguished pastor of our Church, and more recently a Professor of Dogmatic Theology in the Seminary at Mercersburg, is still laboring under severe personal affliction; therefore,

Resolved, That, as a Synod, we do not forget our brethren in distress, and that we hereby express our sincere regret, that the Rev. Dr. Wolff is thus withdrawn from his active ministerial work, and our sympathy with him and his family in their affliction, and earnestly pray, that this providential visitation may be so tempered while it lasts, and overruled in the end, as to be made to issue in their spiritual good and the welfare of the Church at large.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to furnish the family of the Rev. Dr. Wolff with a copy of this minute.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to draft a minute expressive of the sense of this Synod, in regard to the affliction of the Rev. John Rebaugh. He subsequently reported the following, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, We realize the truth of God's Word, where it says: "Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it," and whereas, we learn with pain, that the Rev. John Rebaugh is still held under the power of the severe affliction, which seized him several years ago, separating him entirely from the practical work of the ministry, in which his heart was ever deeply enlisted; therefore,

Resolved, That as a Synod, we hereby express our sincere sympathy with the Rev. John Rebaugh and his family, engaging, at the same time, to remember them earnestly at the throne of God's grace,

beseeching the Father of all mercies, graciously to sustain them, and realize to them the rich spiritual benefits of their affliction.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to furnish the family of Rev. John Rebaugh with a copy of this minute.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to attend to the Synod's interest in certain church property in Washington City:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE WASHINGTON CHURCH.

The committee have held several meetings during the year. They visited Washington, both as a full committee and as individual members of the same. At the annual meeting of the Maryland Classis, before which the committee brought the case, action was also taken, by which that body assumes the main labor of carrying forward the interest of that promising mission. The committee of that Classis now seem to have the main care of the property in dispute; and the immediate wants of the congregation were relieved by its aid.

Some money has been raised in relief of the indebtedness of the organization. Part of the debt has been paid, and a beginning has also been made towards testing the rights to the other property in dispute. Delays have, however, so far prevented a decision in either case. The prospects are deemed favorable for the Reformed claim.

If the Synod sees proper to continue its committee, they will prosecute the case before the courts, in the hope of obtaining a favorable verdict. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
D. ZACHARIAS,
J. S. FOULK.

The report was adopted and the committee continued.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the effort to enlarge the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College known as the Dollar Plan, be again urged upon the attention of our pastors and consistories, and that they be earnestly requested to carry it into effect, in all their congregations, as far as practicable, and that the Classes be directed to take such measures as may be necessary to secure effective action within their respective bounds.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to report to the Synod, at its next annual sessions, what they have severally done in the way of carrying out the Dollar Plan within their respective bounds.

On the morning of the last day of the sessions, the Rev. George E. Addams, John W. Love, and Elder Joseph Laubach, were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence must be presented to Synod.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, This Synod acknowledges the receipt of two valuable works, *viz.*, "A Manual of the Reformed Church in America" and "Hymns of the Church" through the delegate of the Reformed Church in America, the Rev. John B. Thompson, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Synod of that Church, and that these books be placed in the library of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the delegate of this Synod to the Synod of said Church, be instructed to present to that Reverend Body at their next annual meeting, a copy of the "Provisional Liturgy," and a copy of the "Order of Worship."

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart made some statements to Synod relative to the condition, operation and claims of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church."

The following communication was received from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and referred to the Committee on Nominations:

LANCASTER, Oct. 19th, 1869.

To the Rev. Synod of the German Reformed Church, Convened at Danville, Pa., Oct. 20th, 1869.

DEAR BRETHREN: You are hereby informed that the term of office of the following gentlemen, as Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, expires at this meeting of Synod: Rev. B. C. Wolff, D. D., Hon. Joseph Laubach, and B F. Shenk; and that it devolves on your honorable body to elect persons to fill this vacancy for the next ten years. Very respectfully in the Lord,

THEODORE APPEL.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

In connection with the election of delegates to Corresponding Bodies and of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, an election was held to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, when the following persons were elected for a term of ten years: Hon. Joseph Laubach, Benjamin F. Shenk and Augustus Shriver.

On the morning of the fifth day of the sessions, the Committee on Nominations presented their report. It was received and adopted. The election was ordered to be held on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions at 3 o'clock, and the Committee on Nominations [illegible] to have a sufficient number of ballots printed for the use of

Synod. At the time appointed the election was held. Rev. Jacob O. Miller and P. Seibert Davis were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result to Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of Shiloh Reformed church and the citizens of Danville, who have so kindly entertained its members, during its present sessions, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit and published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Erie, Northern Central, Philadelphia and Reading, Cumberland Valley, Lackawanna and Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Lehigh Valley, and North Pennsylvania Railroad companies, for permitting its members to pass over their respective roads both ways at one full fare.

The Roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in the Reformed church at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, Pa., on Wednesday, October 19th, A. D. 1870, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with the repetition of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the singing of the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President. JOHN W. NEVIN, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk*

ADDENDA.

The following item was inadvertently omitted in its proper place in Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches, page 11:

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned was informed, during the late sessions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, held at Washington, D. C., in the month of May last, that it was not in the power of the Primarius to attend the meeting of that body. With this short notice, and owing to the absence of some of my colleagues from the Publication Office, it was not within the province of common possibility to reach the place of their meeting, in time to attend to the duties delegated by this Synod to Rev. Isaac K. Loos as *primarius*, and to myself as *secundus*.

As the next best thing, I addressed a fraternal letter in the name of this Synod to the officers of that body, directed to the care of Rev. Dr. Butler. Whether it ever reached its destination, and was received by that reverend body, I have not in any way learned. Regretting that my report is not more satisfactory, for which I do not hold myself responsible, I am, respectfully, yours in grace,

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
Del. Sec. to the Ev. Luth. Gen. Synod.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Conge.	CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. S. Dubbs, D.D.,		Superannuated,													Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.
John Zuilch,	6	Jacob's, &c.,	1220	815	120	77		800			78	12		$ 50 00	Steinsville, do do
W. A. Helfrich,	4	Zeigel, &c.,	981	840	136	68	12	811	100	32	6			323 36	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	7	Kutztown,	1400	1150	196	50	17	1210		6	40	9		150 00	Kutztown, Berks County, do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill,	680		141	22		340			27	5			Brodheadsville, Monroe Co., Pa.
C. J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua,	485	400	65	40	8	410		9	27	5		312 77	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
A. J. Herman,	7	Zion,	1030	350	94	77		740			20	11		172 80	Maxatawny, Berks do
D. F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	520	370	50	13		410			24	7		155 06	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	353	260	41	29	24	280		2	17	1	180	447 66	do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	633	520	31	22	11	504		4	16	1	399	1042 45	Easton, do do
E. W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield, Forks, &c.,	875	625	73	44		650			32	4		150 00	Nazareth, do do
W. R. Hofford,	2	South Whitehall,	222	150	30	19		160			8	2		72 25	Allentown, Lehigh do
G. B. Dechant,	4	Hamilton,	375	300	25	1		255			22	5		100 00	Scioto, Monroe do
Ab. Bartholomew,	5	Weissport,	625	550	157	21		460		1	67	9		150 50	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	First Ch., Allentown,	674	455	55	32	23	371		7	34	1	452	445 73	Allentown. Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	5	Kreidersville,	860	900	51	80		540		4	45	5	700	260 41	Kreidersville, Northampton do
E. J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	800	730	110	69		584		4	39	6		350 02	Fogelsville, Lehigh do
M. A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	850	600	56	22	6	450			21	3	250	160 05	Nazareth, Northampton do
I. S. Weisz,	4	Mt. Bethel,	628	536	51	27	9	513		16	28	6		240 00	Stone Church, Northampton do
J. C. J. Kurtz,	2	Tamaqua,	500	200	52	22		250		4	24	2		53 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
S. A. Leinbach	1	Egypt,	500		71	37		310		1	17	3	250	400 12	Laubach's, Northampton do
S. G. Wagner,	1	Second Ch., Allentown,	219	168	16	10	9	142		6	4	1	175	80 25	Allentown, Lehigh do
D. E. Schoedler,		Licentiate,													Bethlehem, Northampton do
E. A. Ludwig,		do													Wilkesbarre, Wyoming do
I. K. Loos, supply,		Rittersville,	92	70	9	14	3	70		3		1	50	18 00	
A. J. G. Dubbs, supply,		Trexlertown, &c.,	400	250	30	22	1	250			10	3	200	82 38	
Total, 24.	72		14922	10239	1660	818	123	10510		167	632	108	2656	$5216 81	

CLASSIS OF LEBANON

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John Gring,	3	Fredericksburg,	350		34	18		270				3	273		Fredericksburg, Lebanon do
A. L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1450		215	103		1290			53	12	1000	$ 30 00	Reading, Berks do
A. S. Leinbach,	4	Schwartzwald, &c.,	640		333	104		600		2	90	5		110 40	do do do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	875	725	70	59	7	556		15	21	1	325	589 60	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	700	375	95	62		550		4	32	4	300	83 35	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
W. A. Good,		Without charge,													Reading, Berks do
J. E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	435	200	39			350		6	15	4	250	535 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Henry Wagner,		Without charge,													Died in June, 1869.
C. F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	300		39	18	12	240		4	16	1	250	607 51	Reading, Berks County, Pa.
Samuel Miller,	3	Pottsville,	312	175	28	34	40	300				3	225	139 86	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
T. C. Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1300	850	129	46		1000			65	14	1200	200 00	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
George Wolff,	1	Myerstown,	465	300	50	35	20	380		15	9	1	230	400 60	Meyerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Herman Bokum,		Without charge,													Atlanta, Georgia.
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1350		93	136	45	1100		12	54	1	600	3175 92	Reading, Berks County, Pa.
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	120	80	9	7	3	80		4	3	1	130	415 00	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Chas. H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken.	1125	760	94	44	12	950		20	28	5	330	741 57	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Jno. Phil. Stein,	1	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	150	80	19	13	7	90		4	8	1	150	80 00	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lk'l Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester,	3	Hanover,	210	175	39	6		178		7	7	3	125	47 56	Grantville, Dauphin do
L. K. Derr,	1	Mahanoy City,	223	215	27	25	4	195		17	18	1	155	186 80	Mahanoy, Schuylkill do
D. B. Albright,	2	Orwigsburg,	250		15			130		3	7	2	160	97 44	Womelsdorf, Berks do
J. A. Leis,	1	Newmanstown,													Hamburg, Berks do
Stephen Schweitzer,	5	Shaefferstown,	800		38	41		750			25	5	360		Shaefferstown, Lebanon do
W. M. Reily,	1	Jonestown,	210	150	19	11	3	125		1	7	1	70	40 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
J. A. Hoffheins,	1	Trinity Ch., Pottsville,	59	49	10	7	15	59				1	104	51 65	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
I. E. Graeff,	2	Trin'y Ch., Tamaqua,	152	143	121			150				2	127	57 16	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
L. D. Leberman,	3	Leesport, &c.,			21	20						3		59 16	Reading, Berks do
C. A. Rittenhouse,	1	Em'l. Ch., Minersville,	127	102	28	10	7	94			8	1	67	22 50	Minersville, Schuylkill do
H. R. Nicks, Lic.		Prof. of Palatinate Col													Meyerstown, Lebanon do
	2	Womelsdorf, Mt. Ætna,	375					310							Supplied by Rev. G. Wolff.
	1	Friedensburg, Sch. co.,	200	90	16			70		4	7	1	50	10 27	Supplied by Rev. J. P. Stein.
Reading Mission Sunday Schools,		Emanuel's Mis. Sch'l,										1	175	80 00	John N. Boman, Sup't.
		St. Luke's Mis. Sch'l,										1	120	24 80	
		St. Paul's Mis. Sch'l,										1	130	95 00	John Ermentrout, Sup't.
		St. John's Mis. Sch'l,										1	300	100 00	Rev. W. A. Good, Sup't.
Total, 29.	64		12178	1469	1,881	79[illegible]	175	9811		118	1,[illegible]	6	206	5,[illegible]	15

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Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German),	620	280	54	30	35	386		34	3			$ 72 00	York, York County, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Manheim,	365	150	38	27		325		16	6			129 18	Hanover, York County, Pa.
F. W. Vandersloot,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	300		48	13		240		22	3				York, York County, Pa.
Daniel Riegel,	3	Dillsburg,	320		23			215		9	3			25 00	Dillsburg, York County, Pa.
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Paradise,	600	550	75	62		580	4	42	8			117 84	York, York County, Pa.
William C. Bennett,		Without charge,													Boiling Springs, Cumb'd Co., Pa.
David Bossler,		do													York, York do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	Trinity Church,	320		32	20	6	290		9	3			464 33	York, York do
Daniel Gring,	4	Shrewsbury,	450	260	54	29		398	4	21	8			109 22	Shrewsbury, York do
William K. Zieber,	1	Hanover,	345	250	25	29	6	260	6	13	1	175		580 50	Hanover, York do
John Ault,	1	Mechanicsburg,	195	120	33	32	5	191	4	5	1	110		60 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberl'd do
W. F. P. Davis,	5	Abbottstown,	500		72	20	2	475	5	32	2	160		150 00	New Oxford, Adams do
W. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	475	276	30	19	18	437	3	16	2	180		261 00	Gettysburg, do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emanuel's,	705	400	66	59	5	632	7	24	7			100 00	Codorus, York do
James A. Shultz,		Without charge,													Lancaster City, do
W. D. C. Rodrock,	4	Duncannon,	112	75	38	5	6	98	3	3	2	125			Duncannon, Perry do
Ephraim Kieffer,	4	Sulphur Springs,	200	150	10	4		160	10	7	6			30 00	Carlisle, Cumberland do
David W. Wolff,	3	Conowago,	570	260	37	11		480							Arendtsville, Adams do
R. R. Smith,	5	Dallastown,	324	217	23	7	5	117	11	9	4			32 33	York, York do
John A. Peters,	1	Carlisle,	206	171	11	1	4	162	5	10	1	212		140 00	Carlisle, Cumberland do
John M. Clemens,	4	Christ's Church,	595	365	40	50	5	480	10	20	3			100 35	Littlestown, Adams do
William F. Colliflower,	2	New Bloomfield,	182	137	14	13	4	170	3	9	4	150		107 12	Newport, Perry do
	1	Third Church, York,	90					85			1	105		32 00	
Alexander S. Vaughan,		Without charge,													Elkton, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	4	Landisburg,	350	300	35	27	13	290	8		2			271 80	Landisburg, Perry Pa.
Samuel E. Herring,	3	Zion's,	350	100	15	100	50	325	10	10	4	400		100 00	Blain, Perry do
Suppl'd by D. W. Wolff & W. F. P. Davis,	3	York Springs,	200		10			180	5					15 00	
Suppl'd by F. W. Vandersloot & R. R. Smith.	4	Trinity,	145	175	40			125	4	7	3			18 45	
Suppl'd by John Ault,	1	Filey's Cong.,	45		2			36							
do W. F. Colliflower,	1	St. John's Cong.,	60	42	8	6	2	50	3		1	25		8 17	
do S. E. Herring,	1	St. Andrew's Cong.,	30	35	9			25							
Frederick Fox,	1	First Ch'ch, San Francisco,													
Total, 26.	76		8654	4313	842	564	166	7212	105	318	78	1612		$2924 29	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Ev. Ref. Church,	526	495	41	23	4	458		4	25	2	500	$1240 42	Frederick City, Md.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	390	225	15	3		380		1	6	4	180	55 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley,		St. John's B. School,													Petersville, Frederick Co., do
John S. Foulk,	1	3d Church, Baltimore,	248	198	15	10	7	218		6	13	1	276	200 00	130 Mulberry St., Baltimore, do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Taneytown,	425	407	48	27	2	408		2	23	4	220	130 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	360	340	25	24	3	320		17	18	1	250	320 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st G. R. C., Baltimore,	150	80	18	27	8	128		5	21	1	225	790 00	208 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do
John W. Hoffmeier,	3	Manchester,	375	100	31	24		300			16	3	125	115 00	Manchester, Carroll Co., do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg,	324	262	21	2	4	279		10	4	2	40	75 00	Emmittsburg, Frederick Co., do
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Church, Baltimore,	392	250	59	28	34	330		18	24	1	175	102 00	78 S. Broadway St., Balt., do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	4	Mechanicstown,	303	218	36	23	12	280		9	11	3	125	112 00	Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., do
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	1 0	90	19	6		120			17	2	150	35 00	Clearspring, Washington Co., do
Jacob Pister,	1	4th Ch., Baltimore,	508		97	17	29	508			21	1	180	259 00	48 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do
Henry L. Grandlienard,	1	6th Ch., do	125	130	55	10		120		6	4	1	70	13 00	Baltimore, Md.
Henry I. Comfort,	1	Burkittsville,	93	60	6	18		73			3	2	125	40 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do
Simon S. Miller,	4	Jefferson,	318	332	21	12	2	302		6	10	3	175	176 60	Jefferson, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2	Hagerstown,	260	200	35	39	16	210	2		12	1	230	419 92	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
Abner R. Kremer,	5	Glade,	388	378	56	14	9	300		3	15	3	150	100 00	Walkersville, Frederick Co., do
William C. Cremer,	2	Westminster,	450		80	67		400			17	2		100 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do
Samuel Philips,	1	1st Eng. Ref. Church,	279	301	41	107	21	233	1	2	9	1	325	50 00	73 Aisquith St., Baltimore, do
John W. Ebbinghaus,	1	1st Ref. Church,	120	80	35	7		96		2	8	2	105		Washington City, D. C.,
J. Conrad Hauser,	1	St John's Church,	113	112	7		17	98			4	1	60	81 39	Frederick City, Md.
Vacant,	1	Christ Church,	140		27	1		80		10	9	1	45	33 50	
Benj. Schneider, D.D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Broosa, Asia Minor.
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,													Frederick City, Md.
John Voegelin,		do do													Wilkins, Allegheny Co., Pa.
C. Beecher Wolff,		Licentiate,													Baltimore City, Md.
*Jacob Hassler,	2	Boonsboro,	90					90				2	110		
*W. Aug. Gring,	3	Mt. Moriah,	100		10	9		100			5	3	150		Boonsboro, Washington Co., do
Sup. by G. L. Staley,	1	Knoxville,													Keedysville, do do do
Total, 28															
*Lately taken charge.	50		660	4258	798	498	168	5834	3	101	295	47	3991	$4447 83	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Henry Wissler,	1	Shepherdstown,	133		21	2	1	133			3	2	90	$ 38 91	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Suppl'd by H. Wissler,	1	Lovettsville,	111		2			111			3	2		23 28	do do
W. D. Lefevre,	1	Martinsburg,	167		16	9	12	155		5	4	1	150	10 50	Martinsburg, do
H. St. J. Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	225		21	16	1	200			3	4		44 22	Edinburg, do
M. L. Shuford,	2	Winchester,	78	50	11	3	8	76			3	1	73	5 00	Winchester, Va.
Geo. H. Martin,	4	Woodstock,	325		14	16		300			3	3		30 00	Woodstock, Va.
Hiram Shaul,	4	Edinburg,	248	74	42	44	10	225			6	4		39 51	Edinburg, W. Va.
J. C. Hensell,	5	Mt. Crawford,	284		25	37	3	250			3	5	340	70 00	Mt. Crawford, Va.
John Lantz,	3	Middlebrook,	140		16	20		140			3	1		8 00	Middlebrook, do
Total, 8.	25		1711	124	168	147	35	1590		5	31	23	653	$269 42	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. W. Welker,	3	Guilford,	275	200	27	14	5	275		2	4	2			Shaw's Mills, N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Grace,	163	151				160		1	1	2			Lincolnton, do
Philip A. Long,	4	Lower Davidson,	326		20	5		326			3	4			Lexington, do
Thomas Long,	4	Upper Davidson,	285		6	8		285			1	2			Salem, do
Jesse W. Cecil,		No charge,													Thomasville, do
John Ingle,	2	West Rowan,	238		11	5	2	238		4	2	2			China Grove, do
John C. Denny,	3	East Rowan,	625	262	19	21	2	352		4	4	4			Salisbury, do
Jacob C. Clapp,	1	Newton,													Newton, do
Vacant,	1	Haw River,	123					123							
do	1	Catawba Charge,													
M. L. Hodrick,		Licentiate,													Lexington, do
Total, 9.	22		2035	613	83	53	9	1759		11	15	16			

J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	[illegible], *	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nicholas Debo,	1	[illegible],	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
John C. Wirth,	1	[illegible],	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jesse B. Kraps,	1	Portland,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
do supply,	1	[illegible] Vincent,	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
William Sorber,	1	Brownsbur[illegible]'s,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasant Hill,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Samuel H. Gleny, D.D.,	1	Christ Church,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jacob Dahlman, Jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Bethlehem's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
Daniel Gans, D.D.,	1	Ascension,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albert G. Dole,	1	St. John's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
D. Ernest Klopp	1	Trinity,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
John C. Beinhauer,	1	Emanuel's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
Henry H. W. Hibshman,	2	Trappe,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
John Gantenbein,	1	St Paul's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
Simon M. K. Huber,	1	Wentz's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
Charles G. Fisher,	1	Boehm's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
M. S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's, *	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]									
Otto Meerwein,	1	Jerusalem's,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do
G. D. Wolff, supply,	1	White Marsh, *	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]					[illegible]				
	1	North Wales, *	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]					[illegible]				
F. W. Dechant, supply,		Egg Harbor,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]								
Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'r,													
Daniel Feete,		Ag. Phila. Tract. Soc.													
Total, 32.	29		6791	3177	1126	401	355	5905	168	395	38	1781	$6572 10		

Without charge, { Chas. W. Shultz, Camden, New Jersey.
Henry Miller, Adamstown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
George Leidy, Norristown, Pa.

Without charge, { Charles Lukens, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. S. Ermentrout, Kutztown, Berks Co., do
Levi C. Sheip, Doylestown, do
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Benj. S. Schneck, D.D.,	1	2d ch., Chambersburg.	28	24	3			23		1				$ 15 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	8	Woodcock Valley,	600	600	51	12	10	590		2	17	5	262	144 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	4	Bedford,	319	210	18	8	4	309		2	5	3	240	314 40	Bedford, Bedford do
William M. Deatrick,	4	Friend's Cove,	350	340	20	14	6	335		4	5	4	200	318 90	Charlesville, Bedford do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	258	264	9	5	4	242		1	4	1	70	187 50	Mercersburg, Franklin do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet,	346	308	23	8	1	322		8	4	3	160	377 50	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	4	Schellsburg,	385	270	11	21		360		2	10	1	45	133 00	Schellsburg, Bedford do
Adam C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona,	139	129	24	26	42	108		3	3	1	60	58 25	Altoona, Blair do
Peter S. Davis,	1	Chambersburg,	338	200	11	16	11	297		8	6	1	276	500 66	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Calvin U. Heilman,	4	St. Clairsville,	852	710	94	67	13	690		20	15	9	510	771 12	St. Clair-ville, Bedford do
Samuel N. Callender,	3	Greencastle,	445	370	35	29	1	300		4	10	3	150	303 30	Greencastle, Franklin do
Thos. G. Apple, D.D., *	1	Pres., Mercersb'g Coll.,	77	24	8	9	5	77		1				95 00	Mercersburg, do do
Elna. E. Higbee, D.D., *		Prof., Theolog'l Sem.,													do do do
E. V. Gerhart, D.D., *		do													do do do
Jacob B. Kerschner,		Tutor in do													do do do
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	185	140	6	4	4	160		6	4	2	80	80 97	St. Thomas, Franklin do
John H. Sykes,	2	Martinsburg,	197	131	8	2	5	147		4	1	1	50	52 83	Martinsburg, Blair do
Lewis D. Steckel.	3	Huntingdon,	250	301	3	5	10	232		6	5	1	80	56 15	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
D. Y. Heisler, supply,	2	Mont Alto,	105	68	15	3	4	100		1	15	2	300	15 45	Mont Alto, Franklin do
H. H. W. Hibschman,	3	Waynesboro,	325	200				260				1	120		Waynesboro, do do
Vacant,	2	Shippensburg,	250	150	22	9	2	245			12	2	125	49 57	
do	3	Yellow Creek,	203	214	14	2	2	193		4		2	75	101 57	
do	3	McConnelsburg,	157	185	5	4		152			10	3	165		
do	4	Strasburg,	135	208				118				1	36	20 00	
do	2	Grindstonehill,	140	176				98				1	100	6 86	
do	4	Greenfield,†													
John Rebaugh,		Superannuated,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
George R. Zacharias,		Without charge,													Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
George W. Glessner,		do													Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Joseph S. Loos,		do													Greencastle, Franklin do
Henry W. Hoffmeier,		do													Landisburg, Perry do
Lucian Cort,		do													Martinsburg, Blair do
Moses Kieffer, D.D.,		do													Chambersburg, Franklin do
John B. Kieffer,		Licentiate,													Mercersburg, do do
Total, 28.	66		6084	5222	375	244	124	5358		77	126	47	3104	$3602 03	

* Associate Pastors of the Seminary Chapel congregation. † Statistics included in St. Clairsville charge and supplied by Pastor of same.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser,		Retired,													
Peter S. Fisher,	5	Indianfield,	1245		90	59		1010		12	36	15		$334 00	Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	1054	600	60	72	6	960		6	20	2	460	780 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,		Retired,													Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without charge,													Gilbertsville, Montg'y do
William R. Yearick,	1	Hilltown,	258	137	10	6	12	220			7	1	40	218 71	Hilltown, Bucks do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	1	Trinity Church,	500	340	103	30	16	425		3	48	1	265	256 63	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	810	620	69	48		630		13	27	6	280	145 50	Bucksville, Bucks do
P. P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	480	200	105	43		411			42	5		110 40	Friedensburg, Berks do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	540	340	45	25	2	314		3	24	3		112 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	2	Upper Saucon,	450	225	60	30	1	400			20	5		151 88	Allentown, Lehigh do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Upper Milford,	465	365	34		8	425		2	8	6		80 10	Shimersville, Lehigh do
G. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	162	98	12	15	2	150		3	7	2		114 00	Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Swamp,	590	376	33	28	1	529		8	15	3	250	335 37	New Hanover, Montg'ry do
L. C. Sheip, supply,	1	Doylestown,	50	40	4		6	45				1	50	12 50	Doylestown, Bucks do
Simon K. Gross,	3	Ridgewell,													Sellersville, Bucks do
N. S. Aller, supply,	1	New Hilltown,	76					75		1				25 00	Prospectville, Montg'ry do
D. F. Brendle, supply,	2	Williams Township,	202	80	17	9		193			9	4		19 00	Bethlehem, Northampt'n do
S. M. K. Huber, supply,	2	Towamencin,	260	92	13		3	208		2	5	1	75	65 61	Kulpsville, Montgomery do
Isaac K. Loos, supply,	1	South Bethlehem,	65	60	8	13	6	65		1		1	75	10 00	Bethlehem, Northampt'n do
Amandus F. Ziegler,	4	St. Paul's,	450	250	27	52		348			15	4	112	89 97	Leithsville, Northampt'n do
W. R. Hofford, supply,	2	Lower Saucon,	360	250	21			250			8	6		135 30	Allentown, Lehigh do
Henry Hess,	2	Springfield,	446		44	60		293			17	2		237 32	Pleasant Hill, Bucks do
G. W. Aughinbaugh, do	1	South Easton,	56		2			56			4			8 08	Riegelsville, do do
Total, 18.	53		8442	4073	757	490	63	7007		54	312	68	1607	3241 37	

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Schl's.	Bener. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	325		191	34	17	297			3	1	275		108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Lewis B. Schwarz,*	1	Boston,	130					110							Boston, Mass.
J. Eipperle,	1	Rahway,	123		6	12		76		4	5	1	130		Rahway, N. J.
C. Bank,	1	New Brunswick,	187	200	50	21	15	176		5	15	1	60	$ 53 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Maximilian Frankel,															Albany, N. Y.
P. A. Schwarz,	2	Holyoke, South Hadley Falls,	110	50	25			75			10	1	45		Holyoke, Mass.
K. Brunner,	1	Bridgeport,	31					30							Bridgeport, Conn.
Philip Schaff, D.D.,															No. 5 Bible House, N. Y. City.
J. S. Ebaugh,															New York City.
O. Lohr,		Missionary,													Bisrampore, India.
E. M. Shultz,		Licentiate,													New York City.
Total, 11.	7		906	250	272	67	32	764		9	33	4	500	$ 53 00	

* No report.

CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Bener. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Diedrich Willers,	3	Fayette,	95	20	30	9	2	77			13	2	72	$ 11 00	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
John B. Kniest,	1	Buffalo,	780		53	30		426		3	16	1	240	175 00	Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.
John Knie,	1	Ebenezer,	90		19	7		70			5	1	65	32 75	Ebenezer, Erie Co., N. Y.
H. Bentz,	1	Clarence,	150	70	7			80			1	1	60	120 00	Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y.
Edmund Erb,	1	Dansville,	120	30	3	1		40			8	1	25	19 00	Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y.
Theodore Cludius,	1	Rochester,	117	6	27	9	6	53			7	1	110	20 50	Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y.
Herman Bielfeld,	1	Preston,	67		5	3		39			1	1	26		Preston, Canada West.
Total, 7.	9		1419	180	144	59	8	785		3	51	8	598	$ 378 25	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Bener. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bernard C. Wolff, D.D.,		Without charge,													Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Vacant,	3	Ephrata,	289	67	22	35		210		10	15	3			
Wm. T. Gerhard,	6	Bethany,	280	70	26	7	3	224		5	14	6		$ 45 34	Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey,*	3	Elizabethtown,	155		10	15	1	134		1	4	3	115	20 00	Lancaster, do do
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	College church,	31	8				40						727 50	Lancaster, do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,													Lancaster, do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	400	400	32	53	14	350		9	34	1	368	458 88	Lancaster, do do
Prof. Theo. Appel,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.													Lancaster, do do
Prof. T. C. Porter, D.D.,		Prof. in Lafayette Col.													Easton, Northampton do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	313	229	6	11		143			4	1	70	75 40	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
John V. Eckert,†	2	New Providence,	142		13	8	1	107		1	3	2	170	‡13 50	Quarryville, Lancaster do
Edwin H. Nevin,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	211		4	6	5	150		3	4	1	155	396 01	Lancaster, Lancaster do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	275	180	23	6	10	235		4	10	1	250	6842 77	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
W. Aug. Gring,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	97	55				65		2	2	1	100	9 00	Keedysville, Md.
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	255	150	40	24		225		4	2	3	130	794 55	New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Frederick A. Gast,§		Prof. in College,													Lancaster, Lancaster do
Frederick Pilgram,	1	Columbia,	64	49	4	10	14	45			1	1	70	15 00	Columbia, do do
Tilghman O. Stem,	2	Manheim,	101	44	4	2		85		2	4	1	100	47 27	Manheim, do do
	3	Millersville,	155		8	8		122			4	1	100	10 00	
	2	Reamstown & Swamp	340					220							
Nathan E. Bressler,		2d church, Harrisburg,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
A. B. Shenkle,		Millersville,													Millersville, Lancaster do
Total, 19.	34		3108	1252	192	185	48	2355		41	81	25	1628	$9435 22	

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.—Calvin S. Gerhard, Stephen K. Kremer, Ellis N. Kremer, Louis Zahner, Hiram Rhoads.

* Supply to Elizabethtown, Bainbridge and New Providence congregations.

† Supply to Quarryville congregation of New Providence charge.

‡ Collected by Rev. J. G. Fritchey in New Providence cong.

§ Supply to Maytown.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Shellhammer,	6	Union,	280		55	24		116			5	5		$ 21 02	Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	215	200	58	28		200			13	1	90	24 00	Ashland, Schuylkill do
Jared Fritzinger,	8	Mahanoy,	475	400	56	17		378			19	8	300	80 00	Greenbrier, Northumb'd do
Henry Hoffman,	6	Conyngham,	485	300	29	39	1	318		1	7	5		102 11	Conyngham, Luzerne do
John W. Steinmetz,	4	Danville,	265	200	25	12	5	220		3	3	4	275	252 00	Danville, Montour do
Isaac F. Stiely,*	8	Mahontongo,	466	225				290				4	250		Rough & Ready, Sch'y'l do
Jacob Kehm,	6	Uniontown,	650	550	117	51		550		4	21	6	400	148 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Samuel H. Reid,	1	Milton,	180	250	24	20	12	175		2	2	1	150		Milton, Northumberland do
Albert Krahn,	4	Hazleton,	665	300	89	31		630		75	27	2	200	82 61	Hazleton, Luzerne do
A. R. Hottenstein,	5	North Susquehanna,	190	150	35	20		160				5		232 00	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry Mosser,	3	Paradise,	350	300	30	35	27	330	1	9	5	5	300	2191 20	McEwensville, Northb'd do
Wm. A. Haas,	4	Augusta,	390	250	19	7		226			5	4	160	66 00	Sunbury, do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	2	Bloomsburg,	185	120	29	21	22	185		11	8	2	150	263 60	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Casper Scheel,	3	Shamokin,	224	175	36	22	5	203		3	20	3	160	54 46	Shamokin, Northumb'd do
David W. Kelly,	3	Mount Zion,	500	300	10	6		350		5	13	3	160	619 00	Turbotville, do do
Jos. H. Schlappig,	3	Lykens,	100	50	20		15	90		2	8	2		6 18	Lykenstown, Dauphin do
John W. Lescher,	4	Berrysburg,	290	300				260				4	200	30 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John Wolbach,	3	Cherry,	235	160				160							Overton, Bradford do
Abraham H. Dotterer,	1	Sunbury,	150	130				120							Sunbury, Northumb'd do
C. F. Hoffmeier,†	6	Armstrong Valley,	375	215				212				5	400		Halifax, Dauphin do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	313	141				112							Orangeville, Columbia do
D. P. Diehl,		Licentiate,													Danville, Montour do
Vacant,	3	Catawissa,	150	130				120				1			Catawissa, do do
Total, 22.	88		7133	4846	632	333	87	5395	1	115	146	70	3195	$4172 18	

* Deceased, Sept. 13th, 1869. † Supply only.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	429	458	26	9	4	385		6	12	6	300	$370 78	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	425	400	66	54	4	425			15	5	200	74 81	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany Valley,	270	162	24	19	3	230			11	2	160	207 01	Walker, Centre do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,†	6	New Berlin,	200		17	26	7	190			10			43 00	Halifax, Dauphin do
David G. Klein,	1	Eden,	40	30	6	8		38				1			Walker, Centre do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Aaronsburg,	362	253	45	33	16	230		17	11	6	200	340 11	Aaronsburg, Centre do
William G. Engel,	6	Rebersburg,	275	150	26	26	3	175		4	11	2	150	100 16	Rebersburg, Centre do
U. H. Heilman,	2	Lewisburg,	350	250	15	10	6	300		5	3	2	150	1890 00	Lewisburg, Union do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	351	100	29	56	15	300		3	6	2	150	745 00	Mifflinburg, Union do
Lott Kryder Evans,	1	Williamsport,	90	71	32	11	11	90		6	8	1	75	78 08	Williamsport, Lycoming do
Vacant,	4	Bellefonte,	112	50	12	5	6	100			1	5	80		Bellefonte, Centre do
do	5	Selinsgrove,	386		28		10	329		15	8	4	200	45 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
S. H. Reid,* ‡	1	White Deer Cong.,	102		16	31	8	102						23 00	Milton, Pa.
Geo. E. Addams,*	1	Union Cong.,												12 03	
Lott Kryder Evans,*	1	Black Hole Cong.,	40		10	6	2	40			3	1	150	9 79	Montgomery Sta'n, Lyc' do
	1	Messiah do	65	45	18	25	28	65			3	1	100		Alvira, Union do
	1	Nippanose do	60	40	3	1		60						12 28	Collomsville, Lycoming do
Jacob Mayer,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton do
Jonathan Zeller,		do													do do do
J. Caspar Bucher,		do													Lewisburg, Union do
Daniel M. Wolf,§		do													Lancaster, Pa.
Total, 14.	51		3557	2009	373	320	123	3059		56	102	38	1915	$3951 05	

* Supplies. † Dismissed to East Susquehanna Classis. ‡ East Susquehanna Classis. § Prof. at F. & M. College.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick Wise,	2	Plumb Creek,	116	150	15	19	2	104			3			$ 51 49	South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
Joseph G. Shoemaker,	4	Curllsville,	280	230	15	23	9	270		1	4	4	200	254 50	Curllsville, Clarion do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	84	80	8	4		50			3	1	40	40 00	Rimersburg, do do
William C. Houpt,	3	Tylersburg Mission,	95	80	7	5		80		1	1	1		40 06	Lineville, do do
David O. Shoemaker,	4	St. Petersburg,	575	450	50	23		450		6	10	4	200	205 35	Lamartine, do do
Josiah J. Pennepacker,	4	Kittanning,	289	261	24	9	7	232		5	6	4	200	125 66	Rural Valley, Armstrong do
Louis Christ,	4	Luthersburg,	320		135	80		320						11 00	Troutville, Clearfield do
Jacob F. Wiant,	3	South Bend,	154	137				135			1		100	54 68	Elderton, Armstrong do
Vacant,	4	Redbank,	300	200				200				4	150	20 00	
Total, 8.	29		2213	1588	254	163	18	1841		13	28	19	890	$802 74	

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Zeiser,		Without charge,													Hamburg, Mercer County, Pa.
H. C. Heyser,	4	Shenango,	550	420	21			460				4	361	$108 00	Greenville, Mercer do
Jeriah S. Shade,	2	Fairview,	387	224	31		2	337		8	6	2	125	159 80	1024 Oxford St., Phila., do
Joseph H. Stepler,	3	Sharon,	140	190	26			110				1	40	74 31	Sharon, Mercer do
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	2	Mercer,	119	76	11	7	6	108			3	2	80	96 06	London, Mercer do
John Kretzing,	4	Zion's,	165	145	28	7	3	140		3	5	2	100	150 00	Cochranton, Crawford do
Chas. A. Limberg,	2	Butler Mission,	106	114	11	6	4	103		18	4	2	85	289 32	Butler, Butler do
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher,	2	Greenville,	155	120	10	1	14	140		8	2	2	160	155 16	Greenville, Mercer do
David B. Ernst,	2	Saegertown,	130	117	24	21		117			5				Saegertown, Crawford do
William M. Landis,	4	Harmony,	229	213	19	1		166			2	3	130	152 29	Harmony, Butler do
George B. Russell,		Book Editor, &c.,													54 N. 6th Street, Phila., do
David D. Leberman,	1	St. Paul's,	223	85	14	10	8	128				1	50	260 18	Meadville, Crawford do
J. B. Pœrner,	1	Titusville Mission,	53	50	18	13		40		1		1	40	12 10	Titusville, do do
Frederick Wall,	2	Watson Run,	*200					65						75 00	Meadville, do do
Walter E. Krebs,	1	All Souls,	67	44	2	4	10	53		2		1	75	325 00	Allegheny City, Allegh'y Co., Pa.
Abner Dale,		Without charge,													Slippery Rock, Butler Co., Pa.
Total, 16.	30		2524	1798	215	70	47	1967		40	27	21	1246	$1857 22	

* Estimated.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excomm'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.
East Pennsylvania,	24	72	14,922	10,239	1,660	818	123	10,510		167	632	108	2,656	$5,216 81
Lebanon,	29	64	12,173	4,469	1,581	795	175	9,811		118	473	80	7,206	7,981 15
Zion,	26	76	8,654	4,313	842	564	166	7,217		105	318	75	1,642	2,924 29
Maryland,	28	50	6,607	4,258	798	498	168	5,831	3	101	295	47	3,991	4,447 83
North Carolina,	9	22	2,035	613	83	53	9	1,759		11	15	16		
Virginia,	8	25	1,711	124	168	147	35	1,590			31	23	653	269 42
Philadelphia,	32	29	6,791	3,177	1,126	401	355	5,905		168	395	38	4,781	6,572 10
Mercersburg,	28	66	6,084	5,222	375	244	124	5,358		77	126	47	3,104	3,602 03
Goshenhoppen,	18	53	8,412	4,073	757	63	490	7,007		54	312	68	1,607	3,241 37
New York,	11	7	906	250	272	67	32	764		9	33	4	500	53 00
Lancaster,	19	34	3,108	1,252	192	185	48	2,355		41	81	25	1,628	9,455 22
E. Susquehanna,	22	88	7,133	4,846	632	333	87	5,395	1	115	146	70	3,195	4,172 18
W. Susquehanna,	14	51	3,557	2,009	373	320	123	3,059		56	102	38	1,915	3,951 05
Clarion,	8	29	2,213	1,588	254	163	18	1,841		13	28	19	890	802 74
St. Paul's,	16	30	2,524	1,798	215	70	47	1,967		40	27	21	1,246	1,857 22
West New York,	7	9	1,419	186	144	59	8	785		3	51	8	598	378 25
Total, 16 Classes.	299	705	88,284	48,417	9,472	4,780	2,008	71,154	4	1078	3,065	687	35,612	$54,924 66
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes, —	130	308	19,815	12,582	2,116	1,599	965	17,383	114	248	436	236	12,378	15,874 63
North Western Synod, 7 Classes, —	92	166	9,811	7,363	1,188	689	619	8,188	26	311	272	96	1,970	5,653 86
Total, 3 Synods, 31 Classes,	521	1179	117,910	68,362	12,776	7,068	3,592	96,725	144	1637	3,773	1019	49,960	$76,453 15

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, Pa., in the month of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy. The sessions commenced on the evening of the Nineteenth, and continued, until the morning of the Twenty-Sixth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with religious exercises by the President, Rev. John W. Nevin, D.D., prior to which he preached the opening Sermon, from Hebrews i. 1–3: "*God, who, at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath, in these last days, spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. John Beck, Isaac K. Loos, Samuel G. Wagner,[1] Daniel E. Schoedler[1] and Daniel F. Brendle.[2]

Elders.—Owen L. Schreiber, Aaron G. Renninger and William Keller.

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[1] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
[2] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach,[1] Samuel Miller, Charles A. Rittenhouse,[2] Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., and Charles H. Leinbach.[3]

Elders.—John Wilhelm, Joseph L. Lemberger, and Christian D. Zehring.[4]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Jacob Sechler, Jacob D. Zehring, William R. H. Deatrich,[5] William D. C. Rothrock[6] and Daniel Gring.[7]

Elders.—Henry C. Schriver, Jacob Reif, John Schaeffer, George Hoobaugh and George Schwartz.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,[8] Samuel Philips, Henry L. Grandlienard,[9] Marcus Bachman and Joseph W. Santee.[10]

Elders.—Hon. Daniel S. Biser, Joshua Motter, John Rodenmayer and James R. Cushwa.[11]

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Maxwell S. Rowland, Charles Becker, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., David E. Klopp[12] and John H. A. Bomberger, D.D.[7]

Elders.—William Brownback,[11] Andrew W. Meyers, Henry Klos, J. David Miller, and John Wiest.[13]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford and Henry Wissler.

Elders—Lewis V. Shearer[11] and Stephen Staley.

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[1] Was substituted during the afternoon and evening sessions of the seventh day of the sessions, by the secundus, the Rev. Isaac E. Graeff.

[2] Was succeeded on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, by the Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach.

[3] Took his seat on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by the secundus, the Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach.

[4] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

[5] Was succeeded on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, by the Rev. William F. Colliflower.

[6] Was substituted from the afternoon of the fourth to the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, by the Rev. William F. Colliflower.

[7] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[8] Was succeeded on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions by the Rev. William A. Gring.

[9] Was substituted from the afternoon of the fourth to the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions, by the Rev. John M. Titzel.

[10] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by the secundus, the Rev. John M. Titzel.

[11] [illegible] leave of absence in the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[12] [illegible] seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

[13] [illegible] seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. William M. Deatrick, Moses Kieffer, D. D., Calvin U. Heilman, Henry Heckerman[1] and William C. Shulenberger.[2]

Elders.—Adam Haderman, Jacob Heyser, John K. Keyser,[3] Frederick Hyle and Benjamin Neff.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, Joseph H. Dubbs and Lawrence D. Leberman.[4]

Elders.—Daniel B. Mauger, Michael Worman and George K Lorah.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John S. Ebaugh.[5]

Elder.—J. Pfarrer.[6]

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. John W. Nevin, D D., Amos H. Kremer, William H. H. Snyder[7] and Frederick A. Gast.[8]

Elders.—Daniel W. Gross, Isaac Bushong, John S. Stahr and William H. Seibert.[13]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. John W. Lescher, John W. Steinmetz and David W. Kelly.[7]

Elders—David Eschbach,[8] Hon. George C. Welker and Elias Lawbach.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Uriah H. Heilman, William G. Engle and Tilgham J. Seipel.[7]

Elders.—Griffin Rote,[5 8] John Hoffer[5] and John M. Titzel.[1 8]

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. John F. Hoes, D.D.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. J. R. Groff.

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[1] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.
[2] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.
[3] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.
[4] Took his seat on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.
[5] Took their seats on the morning of the second day of the sessions.
[6] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.
[7] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
[8] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—* * * * * *.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. John A. Hoffheins, Daniel B. Albright, Isaac E. Graeff, Nathan E. Bressler, Elder George G. Heilman.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. John Ault, T. Frank Hoffmeier, James A. Schultz, David W. Wolf, David Bossler, William F. Colliflower, Daniel Riegel, Jacob O. Miller, William F. P. Davis, John S. Foulk, Aaron Wanner, Reinhardt R. Smith and Elders Dr. Isaac Lefever, Dr. Oliver T. Everhart, Francis M. McKeehan, Peter Stambaugh, Philip A. Baker, Moses Hess.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. Simon S. Miller, Henry I. Comfort, Edmund R. Eschbach, William Goodrich, J. Spangler Kieffer, Jacob Hassler, William A. Gring.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Daniel Gans, D. D., Samuel H. Giesy, D. D., George B. Russell, Charles G. Fisher and Elder Charles Santee.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev. William D. Lefever, Stephen K. Kremer.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. John H. Sykes, Adam C. Whitmer, Albert G. Dole, Henry W. Hoffmeier, Samuel N. Callender, Peter S. Davis, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., John W. Love, Lewis D. Steckel and Elder Adam B. Wingerd.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. John G. Fritchey, Theodore Appel, Anthony F. Zullig, Frederick Pilgram, Darius W. Gerhard and Elders Edward J. Zahm and John B. Roth.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Calvin S Gerhard.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. John C. Bucher, D. D., Lewis C. Edmonds, Cyrus H. Reiter.

From the Classis of Westmoreland.—Rev. George W. Johnston, Christian C. Russell.

From the Classis of St. Joseph.—Rev. John G. Noss.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced during the sessions of Synod: Rev. James H. McGarrah, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; William B. Raber, C. A. Coldstock of the United Brethren in Christ; Rev. William A. West, William B. McKee, S. M. Reigart, A. W. Murray of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. M. L. Jackson of the Messiah Church, and Rev. D. A. Laverty, of the Church of God.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Kremer was chosen *President.*

Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.*
Rev. Marcus Bachman was continued *German Clerk.*
Elder Henry Wirt was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The President defined the bar of the house. The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning Session* to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.
The *Afternoon Session* to open at 1½ and close at 4½ o'clock.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the different Boards of Synod and their respective Treasurers be directed to report hereafter not later than the second day of the session.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod—Rev. Samuel Philips, Charles A. Rittenhouse, William R. H. Deatrich, and Elders Henry Schriver and James R. Cushwa.

Overtures—Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, Maxwell S. Rowland, Mortimer L. Shuford, and Elders Joseph L. Lemberger and George Schwartz.

Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, Charles Becker, Thomas C. Leinbach, and Elders Isaac Bushong and David Eschbach.

Minutes of Classes—Rev. Jacob Dahlman, jr., John M. Titzel, Calvin U. Heilman, and Elders Jacob Reif, Aaron G. Renninger and George K. Lorah.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, Jacob Sechler, and Elders John S. Stahr and Jacob Heyser.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports—Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, Uriah H. Heilman, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, and Elders Andrew Meyers and Stephen Staley.

Theological Seminary—Rev. John Beck, Charles H. Leinbach, Samuel Miller, and Elders J. David Miller and Elias Lawbach.

Missions—Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Jacob D. Zehring, Henry L. Grandlienard, and Elders John Rodenmayer and Lewis V. Shearer.

Finance—Rev. William M. Deatrick, William D. C. Rodrock, William G. Engel, and Elders Frederick Hyle and Joshua Motter.

Nominations—Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Aaron S. Leinbach, Isaac K. Loos, and Elders Daniel W. Gross, and George C. Welker.

Publication—Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer, David E. Klopp, William R. H. Deatrich, and Elders Benjamin Neff and John Wilhelm.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America and two copies of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Virginia, North Carolina, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna and West Susquehanna, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The Annual Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with a Report of the Treasurer of Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. Statements from the President of General Synod's Board of Home Missions and from its Treasurer were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. A communication from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, announcing the vacancies occurring in the Board, was received and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom were referred the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions, and also the Minutes of the last Triennial Sessions of the General Synod, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended and then adopted. The Report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave respectfully to report the following items, claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, page 12. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 2, page 33. The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary is instructed to take the necessary steps for the collecting of all dues on Plainfield and other Bonds, and is directed to prepare a statement of all dues, and place said statement in the hands of Agents for the Seminary Endowment.

Item 3, page 33. The several Classes are earnestly requested to make liberal contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Item 4, page 34. The Synod at its next meeting is to declare which of the Professorships in the Seminary is the German Professorship, should the Tercentenary Professorship be then endowed.

Item 5, page 36. The appointment of a Committee by the President of Synod to examine the land tendered by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and if found suitable, to accept it and secure a good legal conveyance of it to the Trustees of the Seminary.

Item 6, page 36. The appointment of a Committee to secure plans and estimates for the Theological Seminary.

Item 7, page 36. The Trustees of the Theological Seminary are requested to appoint one or more additional agents to co-operate with Rev. J. W. Steinmetz in soliciting subscriptions.

Item 8, page 59. The recommendation to the Board of Publication to re-appoint the present editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" for the present year.

Item 9, page 59. The editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" is requested to edit the paper in a more popular style, without lowering its standard, and that he make personal efforts by way of correspondence with pastors of German congregations, to increase the subscription list.

Item 10, page 60. The German Book Editor is instructed to secure, if possible, for the publication of German Sunday School Books, the use of the $500 fund donated by Dr. Schaff to the General Synod.

Item 11, page 60. The Pastors under the jurisdiction of Synod are ordered to bring the subject of the circulation of the church periodicals before their Consistories, and secure the appointment of agents to extend their circulation, and report the result to their respective Classes.

Item 12, page 60. The appointment of a Special Committee on securing a Publication House in Philadelphia, and on devising a plan for raising funds for this purpose and also for the Book Concern.

Item 13, page 60. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Elder Daniel W. Gross and Adam B. Wingerd were appointed a Committee to propose the order of succession of the Trustees of the Board of Publication, and report at the next sessions of Synod.

Item 14, page 61. Synod directs the attention of the Board of Publication to efforts alleged by Mercersburg Classis to have been made by certain persons to discourage the circulation of the Publications of

the Church, and requests the Board to seek to be fully assured that the agents whom they employ are in sympathy with the spirit and theology of our Church.

Item 15, page 61. The Board of Publication is requested to inquire into the present attitude of the subject of the memorial of Dr. Schaff in reference to the German Hymn Book.

Item 16, page 61. The appointment of a committee to secure as soon as possible the manuscripts and books of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, with a view to their publication.

Item 17, page 66. The Board of Publication is requested to publish the Report of Committee on the relation of Elders to Pastors in tract or pamphlet form in both the German and English language.

Item 18, page 68. A Committee of five was appointed to examine the translation of the Order of Worship into the German language under the direction of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and if found satisfactory, to give it their approval, and the Board of Publication was instructed to proceed in the publication of the same with all due expedition, in case it meets the approval of said Committee.

Item 19, page 69. The appointment of a Committee to represent the interests of the Synod before the General Synod in the matter of Complaint and Petition on the part of the Classis of Philadelphia.

Item 20, page 73. The continuance of the Committee appointed to solicit funds for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh.

Item 21, page 75. The continuance of the Committee on the Washington church.

Item 22, page 75. A request to the Classes to report at its next Annual Sessions what they have severally done in the way of carrying out the Dollar Plan within their respective bounds.

Item 23, page 76. The delegate of this Synod to the Synod of the Reformed Church in America is instructed to present to that Reverend Body at their next annual meeting a copy of the "Provisional Liturgy," and a copy of the "Order of Worship."

Your Committee would also respectfully report the following Items of the Proceedings of the General Synod, claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, page 47. A recommendation to all the lower Church Courts, and especially to all churches, to use moderation, prudence and charity in reference to the differences that exist among us on the subject of Liturgical Worship, in order that we may be brought in due time to unity and peace.

Item 2, page 65. Permission is given to the Eastern Synod, and to other Synods, should they desire it, to insert a selection of hymns and chants, for provisional use in the Church, in their respective Liturgies.

Item 3, page 65. In accordance with a resolution of the Eastern Synod at Danville, the fund of $500 copy money, donated by Dr. P. Schaff, is transferred to the German Board of Examiners of the Eastern Synod, for the benefit of said Board, should the donor give his consent.

Item 4, page 97. The Philadelphia Classis is instructed to institute measures to secure the property of the Reformed Church of Germantown, Pa., which has been alienated contrary to law, from the Eastern Synod, to whose jurisdiction and care it properly belongs.

Item 5, page 44. Assessment on the Synod of $1,050 00, to meet the current expenses of General Synod, amounting to $1,800 00.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Chairman.*
C. A. RITTENHOUSE,
W. R. H. DEATRICH,
J. R. CUSHWA,
HENRY SCHRIVER.

For the reports of the delegates called for in item 1, and the result of the action referred to in item 23, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action referred to in items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; in items 3, 11 and 22, see Article X, Minutes of Classes; in items 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, and item 3, General Synod, see Article XIX, Publication; in items 18 and 19, see Article XX, Church Government; in items 20 and 21, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; items 1, 2 and 4 reported from the Minutes of the General Synod were severally adopted. For the action on item 5, from the Minutes of the General Synod, see Article XV, Finance.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported that no documents had been referred to them, and that, consequently, they had nothing to report beyond this fact itself.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully report:

That they have examined the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, referred to them. In the former they found the following items to report to this body:

1. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America convened in regular session in the city of Newark, N. J., on the first day in June, 1870, and our delegate, the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, was present at its sessions.

2. The Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., was elected delegate primarius, and Rev. Henry D. Ganse, Secundus, to the Synod (Eastern) of the Reformed Church of the United States.

3. The Synod of the Reformed Church in America will meet in the North Church of Albany, N. Y., on the first Wednesday in June, 1871, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

From the minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States your Committee report the following items:

1. The delegate from this body, the Rev. Julius C. J. Kurtz, was present at the sessions of the Synod, which convened in Pottsville, in the month of June last.

2. That Rev. B. W. Schmauk was elected delegate Primarius and Rev. J. R. Groff his alternate to this body.

3. Their delegate is directed to bring before this Synod the evils which frequently occur at the corner-stone layings, and the consecration of union churches, through the traffic of sutlers on such occasions, and to request the co-operation of this Synod in suppressing the evil of building so-called union churches.

4. This Synod will convene in regular session in St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., on Trinity Sunday, June 4. 1871.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—No report was received from the delegate to this body.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.—No report was received from the delegate to this body.

The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—No report was received from the delegate to this body.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Theodore Appel, *secundus*.

To the General Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.—Rev. John Beck, *primarius;* and Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, *secundus*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. John F. Hoes, D. D, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, appeared on the morning of the third day of the sessions, presented his credentials and took his seat as a Corresponding member. He also laid on the table of Synod a copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the body he represented, at its last annual sessions. On the afternoon of the same day, he took his of Synod in a brief address, the kind sentiments of which were lly responded to by the President.

Rev. J. R. Groff, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, appeared on the morning of the second day of the sessions, presented his credentials and took his seat as a Corresponding member. He also laid on the table two copies of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of the body he represented. On the last morning of the sessions, he took leave of Synod in a brief address, which was appropriately responded to by the President. In connection with his remarks, he took occasion, in compliance with instructions given him, to call the attention of Synod to the action of the Ministerium in regard to the presence of hucksters at church dedications and the evils of so-called union churches. This subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman, Samuel Philips and Elder Adam Haderman. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred several items from the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, with reference to the traffic of sutlers on occasions of laying corner-stones and dedications of churches, and also with reference to the erection of so-called union churches, would report the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we deprecate the trafficing on such occasions, and urge the Classes, in whose bounds the custom may exist, to take proper measures to prevent their members from countenancing it in any way.

2. *Resolved*, That as a Synod, we most cordially unite with the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in efforts to suppress the evil of building so-called "Union churches," and we hereby urgently request all our congregations to build only exclusively Reformed churches, wherever it is at all practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL PHILIPS,
ADAM HADERMAN.

No report was received from any of the delegates to Corresponding Bodies. In reference to this fact, it was

Resolved, That this Synod deeply regrets the absence of reports from delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received, disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of Classes reports as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1 Zion's, East Pennsylvania, East Susquehanna, Lebanon, North Carolina Classes failed to add together the columns in the Statistical reports.

2. Lebanon Classis failed to record the adjournment, and the reading and adoption of her minutes before adjournment of the annual and special sessions.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATION.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to prepare a translation of the Order of Worship as soon as possible.

2. Zion's Classis asks Synod to dismiss her, with a view to unite with Mercersburg, Maryland and Virginia Classes in petitioning the General Synod for the formation of a new district Synod.

3. Zion's Classis requests Synod to inaugurate a movement, by which to raise a fund, the interest of which shall go to the support of aged, disabled and superannuated ministers in good and regular standing in the Church.

4. Lebanon Classis requests Synod to recommend the "Hausfreund." to the members of the Reformed Church.

5. Lebanon Classis requests Synod to decide whether any Elder elected as a delegate to Classis, but who does not appear in Classis, can be regarded as a member of Classis.

6. Maryland Classis asks to be excused from carrying out the "Dollar Plan" scheme for the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College.

7. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to direct Mercersburg Classis to comply with the action of Synod in dismissing a minister, which said Classis neglected to do in the case of Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman and A. G. Dole.

8. Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to inaugurate measures at the proper time to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary.

9. Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to consent to the formation of a new District Synod, to be composed of Zion's, Mercersburg, Maryland and Virginia Classes.

10. Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to incorporate the "Articles of Incorporation" for a church, in its book of Forms.

11. Virginia Classis petitions Synod to favor the formation of a new Synod out of Zion's, Mercersburg, Maryland and Virginia Classes.

12. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to reconsider and cancel its order in regard to the authorized publications, to pastors and consistories on page 60 Minutes of Danville Synod, as the enforcement thereof would do violence to the conscience of many ministers and consistories of Classis.

13. Lancaster Classis desires Synod to inform it, whether the committee appointed to install the Rev. A. F. Züllig from Switzerland, can proceed to do so according to the Constitution.

14. Mercersburg Classis calls the attention of Synod to the fact, that a large proportion of beneficiary Students are supported by her.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Notice of an appeal was given by Mr. Jacob B. Odenwelder, from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis in reference to a petition from the German portion of the Reformed Church at Easton.

2. Complaint of Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher and others against the action of Philadelphia Classis, postponing, indefinitely, action on a preamble and resolution in reference to what constitutes a Teacher of Theology.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. All the Classes took favorable action in regard to the cause of Missions, Beneficiary Education, Benevolence, Observance of Church Festivals, &c., referred to them.

2. All the Classes defined the order of Delegates to Synod referred to them.

3. All the Classes, except North Carolina and Philadelphia, took favorable action on the order of Synod in regard to circulating the authorized Church papers.

4. The "Dollar Plan" endowment scheme was attended to in part by the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, Lancaster, East and West Susquehanna, and is held impracticable by the Classes of Maryland, Philadelphia, North Carolina and New York.

5. The following Classes adopted the amendment of the Constitution providing for the organization of German Classes, &c: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg and Goshenhoppen. The Classes of Zion, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Lancaster and East Susquehanna failed to act upon the proposed amendment, and no Classis rejected it.

6. The Amendment of the Constitution in regard to the ratio of representation in the General Synod was adopted by the Classes of Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, East Susquehanna, and Goshenhoppen. The Classes of East Pennsylvania and Lancaster rejected it, and the Classes of North Carolina, Virginia and New York failed to act upon it. The Classis of West Susquehanna failed to state which of the two, or whether both amendments, were adopted.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis approves of the Triglott Edition of the Heidelberg Catechism.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, DISMISSED, &c.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received the Rev. Franklin H. Schwartz, an independent minister, and ordained him, received the Rev. Levi K. Derr from the Classis of Lebanon, ordained the Licentiate Daniel E. Shoedler, dismissed the Licentiate S. A. Ludwig to the Classis of East Susquehanna, and received the Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., from Lancaster Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Mr. Daniel C. Tobias, William W. Clouser and C. H. Mutschler, and dismissed the Rev. Levi K. Derr to the Classis of East Pennsylvania, the Licentiate Daniel C. Tobias to the Classis of Lancaster, the Licentiate William W. Clouser to the Classis of West Susquehanna and the Rev. John A. Hoffheins to the Classis of St. Paul.

3. Zion's Classis dismissed the Rev. John M. Clemens to Lebanon Classis, the Licentiate Edward O. Forney to the Classis of Virginia, and received the Rev. Aaron Wanner from the Classis of Westmoreland; Rev. John Peters from the same Classis; Rev. John S. Foulk from the Classis of Maryland and Rev. Caspar Scheel from the Classis of East Susquehanna.

4. Maryland Classis dismissed the Rev. John Voegelin to the Classis of Westmoreland, and the Rev. John S. Foulk to the Classis of Zion.

5. Virginia Classis licensed Messrs. Andrew J. Bowers and Ambrose C. Geary, received the Rev. J. W. F. Graham from the Methodist Church and the Licentiates Stephen K. Kremer from the Classis of Lancaster and Edward O. Forney from the Classis of Zion, and dismissed the Rev. Hiram Shaull to the Classis of Miami.

6. Philadelphia Classis licensed Mr. John Van Haagen, received the Rev. George B. Russell from the Classis of St. Paul, Rev. Max Frankel from the Classis of New York, and Rev. Gotthold Neeff from the Newark Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church; dismissed the Rev. Albert G. Dole to the Classis of Mercersburg, Rev. Otto Meerwein to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Rev. Levi C. Sheip to the Classis of Goshenhoppen, and Rev. Henry Miller to the Classis of Lancaster, and removed the suspension of Rev. John C. Beinhauer and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Passaic of the Presbyterian Church.

7. Mercersburg Classis received the Rev. Albert G. Dole from the Classis of Philadelphia, and Rev. E. D. Shoemaker from the Classis of Westmoreland.

8. Goshenhoppen Classis received the Rev. L. D. Leberman from the Classis of Lebanon, and Tilgham O. Stem from the Classis of Lancaster, and licensed Prof. John S. Stahr and dismissed him to the Classis of Lancaster.

9. New York Classis received the Rev. A. Schroeder from the Reformed Church of America, and dismissed the Rev. Max Frankel to the Classis of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., to the Presbyterian Church.

10. Lancaster Classis licensed Messrs. Calvin S. Gerhard and Stephen K. Cremer; received the Licentiates John S. Stahr from the Classis of Goshenhoppen and Daniel C. Tobias from the Classis of Lebanon, and ordained him; received further the Rev. Joseph Hannabery from St. John's Classis and Rev. Arnold F. Züllig of the Evangelical Reformed Church of the Canton Thurgau, Switzerland, &c., and dismissed the Rev. Tilgham O. Stem to the Classis of Goshenhoppen, Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., to the Classis of East Pennsylvania,

and the Licentiates Stephen K. Kremer to the Classis of Virginia and Calvin S. Gerhard to the Classis of East Susquehanna.

11. East Susquehanna Classis licensed Messrs. Tilghman, Derr, and Jonathan A. Novinger, received Rev. J. J. Waldburger from Germany, who stood in connection with no Synod, and the Licentiate Calvin S. Gerhard and ordained him; and dismissed the Rev. Albert Krahn to Westmoreland Classis, Rev. Caspar Scheel to Zion's Classis, and the Licentiate Jonathan A. Novinger to St. John's Classis.

12. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Tilghman, J. Seiple, from the Classis of Tuscarawas, Rev. Jeriah S. Shade from the Classis of St. Paul, and the Licentiate William W. Clouser from the Classis of Lebanon; and ordained the Licentiates Daniel M. Wolff and William W. Clouser.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS, ETC.

East Pennsylvania Classis meets on Tuesday before Ascension Day, 1871, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa. Daniel F. Brendel, *President*, and N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk.*

Lebanon Classis meets on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1871, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at Leesport, Pa. Samuel Miller, *President*, and John P. Stein, *Stated Clerk.*

Zion's Classis meets on the third Friday in May, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., at Marysville, Perry Co., Pa. William F. Colliflower, *President*, and William R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk.*

Maryland Classis meets on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1871, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the First English Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md. Joseph W. Santee, *President*, and Samuel S. Miller, *Stated Clerk.*

North Carolina Classis meets on Thursday before the first Lord's day in May, 1871, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Emanuel's Church, Davidson Co., North Carolina. J. C. Denny, *President*, and George W. Welker, *Stated Clerk.*

Virginia Classis meets on the third Wednesday in May, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., at Woodstock, Va. Mortimer L. Shuford, *President*, and H. Wissler, *Stated Clerk* pro tem.

Philadelphia Classis meets on Monday before Ascension Day, May 15th, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Zion's Reformed Church, 6th St., above Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. Abraham Romich, *President*, and Jacob Dahlman, jr., *Stated Clerk.*

Mercersburg Classis meets on Thursday evening, June 8th, 1871, at 7½ o'clock P. M., at Bedford, Pa. Samuel N. Callender, *President*, and William M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

Goshenhoppen Classis meets on Thursday before Ascension Day, 1871, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at Charlestown, Bucks Co., Pa. Peter S. Fisher, *President*, and T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

New York Classis meets on the first Tuesday after Whitsunday, May 3d, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in the Reformed Church, Rahway, N. J. John S. Ebaugh, *President*, and C. Bank, *Stated Clerk.*

Lancaster Classis meets on the first Friday after Trinity Sunda-

1871, 7½ o'clock P. M., at Quarryville, Lancaster Co., Pa. Edwin H. Nevin, D. D., *President*, and Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

East Susquehanna Classis meets on the first Friday after Whitsunday, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., at Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa. Franklin J. Mohr, *President*, and William A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

West Susquehanna Classis meets on the third Wednesday in May, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., at Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa. Lewis C. Edmonds, *President*, and Levi K. Evans, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB DAHLMAN, Jr. *Chairman.*

The judgment of the Committee in regard to the several items reported as Irregularities was approved. For the action of Synod on requests Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13, see Article XX, Church Government; on requests Nos. 3, and 8, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on requests, Nos. 4, 10, and 12, see Article XIX, Publication; Request No. 6 was not granted, and on request No. 14 no action was taken.

For the result of the appeal reported, see Article XVI, Appeals and References, and for the result of the Complaint reported, see Article XVII, Complaints.

The remaining items in the report were severally approved, except the action of the Classis of Virginia, in licensing Ambrose C. Geary, who did not prosecute his studies under the care of that Classis, nor hold his church membership in its bounds, and the action of the Classis of Philadelphia in removing the suspension from the holy ministry, which it had imposed on the Rev. John C. Beinhauer, and dismissing him to the Presbytery of the Passaic of the Presbyterian Church.

In regard to the former, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of Virginia be directed to the rules of Synod in regard to examining candidates for the ministry with a view to licensure, determining the circumstances in which a Classis has authority to go forward with such examination.

In regard to the latter, it was

Resolved, That, in view of statements made before Synod in regard to the Rev. John C. Beinhauer, the removal of his suspension from the holy ministry and his dismission to the Passaic Presbytery, be referred back to the Classis of Philadelphia for re-consideration.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported, that they transacted no business, inasmuch as the Synod had not referred any one to them for examination.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

Fathers and Brethren:—In reviewing the work of the past year, and summing up its results, "it is very meet and right, and our bounden duty," first of all, to lift our hearts in grateful adoration unto "Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father," for the manifold blessings of His providence and grace vouchsafed unto us as a Church.

The reports placed in the hands of your Committee exhibit cheering evidence of growth and prosperity during the year, notwithstanding the difficulties with which we have been called to contend. God has graciously condescended to smile upon the self-sacrificing labors of our ministry, and, in some respects at least, to crown them with more than ordinary success. Our course has been onward and upward. An unusually large number of new churches have been erected, and many of our old ones have been remodeled and beautified. The additions to our membership are in a high degree encouraging. Nearly nine thousand were baptized, and upwards of five thousand were received into full "fellowship with the household of faith" by holy confirmation. The attendance upon the ministrations of the sanctuary on the Lord's day has been such as to promise an abundant harvest in the future. When we remember that Synod now numbers only thirteen Classes—three less than one year ago—we have great reason to "thank God and take courage."

But whilst the reports of the several Classes assure us of outward growth and prosperity, they are no less confident in bearing testimony to advancement in true piety and godliness. The preaching of the everlasting Gospel, and the administration of the holy sacraments, have been blessed to the edification of the Church. God's people have been strengthened in the inner man, and more firmly rooted and grounded in the love and knowledge of Jesus. "Although," one Classis reports, "there are still in our midst many that are weak and sickly and many that sleep, we rejoice to perceive more and more evidence of true piety and vital godliness—not that kind of piety which springs from the feelings of the individual, but *true* piety, which has its basis in the objectivities of the Christian religion, and is founded on the personal union of the believer with Christ."

Nearly all the Classes report a "more general and devout observance of the seasons of the Church Year." In a number of instances,

we are told, "special religious services were held during the whole of Holy week, greatly to the edification of the congregation in which this most solemn season was observed. The happiest results, it would seem, have followed this return to the "old paths."

In Christian beneficence we are progressing. The contributions for general church purposes, during the year, amount to $68,780.68; nearly $12,000 more than were contributed the preceding year. This is gratifying. The grace of giving to the Lord is evidently on the increase. Our people are beginning to realize the truth of our Lord's saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But we are still sadly deficient in this department of Christian activity. We have not by any means reached the full measure of our ability. Our annual benevolent contributions should be counted by hundreds of thousands. Our people have the means, and when they are once brought to a full consciousness of the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian life, the Church will experience no difficulty whatever in carrying forward its various benevolent enterprises.

Having thus summarily referred to the more encouraging features of the past year's history, as gathered from the reports placed in our hands, it becomes our duty briefly to advert to some of the hinderances that have stood in the way of further progress and vital godliness. Prominent among them we notice,

1. The sad want of that self-sacrificing spirit which illustrated and hallowed our Lord's life. Here our greatest deficiency is to be found, and to it may be traced our failure to appreciate, in larger measure, the privileges, and meet the responsibilities of the Gospel. In body and soul, in life and death, we are not our own. Only so far as we enter into this precious truth, and by the grace of God make it our own, will it be possible for us as individuals or a Church, to go on apprehending more and more "that for which we have been apprehended of Christ Jesus."

2. Another hinderance mourned over by many of the Classes, is the manifest indifference of parents to the spiritual well-being of their children. As a Church we are more fully conscious than ever before of our obligations to the young, especially to those who have received the grace of Baptism; and we have cherished the fond hope, that our membership are awake to the importance of the subject. In this, it would seem, we have been in error. Parents still need "line upon line, and precept upon precept," touching the solemn responsibilities that grow out of their relation to their children, and our pastors cannot be too earnest in urging upon them their duty in this respect.

3. The want of that "charity that thinketh no evil," has stood in the way of our growth and prosperity. In one of the Classical reports we read: "In some cases, there is a deplorable want of that *charity*, which is the richest and ripest fruit of the Christian life, and without which all our graces, and even faith itself, is of no account. A wicked spirit of contention mars the unity and lessens the strength of some churches, and chills the zeal and love of many members." This

is sad enough. As in the material universe gravitation gives shape to the falling tear, globular form and motion to the heavenly bodies, and unites them all to one common centre; so in the moral world love gives complexion to character, makes the people of God *one* in will and affection, and unites them to the Body of Christ, and in Him to the throbbing Centre of Life, the very heart of Infinite Love. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, some who "had part with us in the ministry," are with us no more. Rev. William C. Bennet, of Zion's Classis, Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., of Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Abraham H. Dotterer, of East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Philip Mayer, of Lebanon Classis, having finished "the work given them to do," have entered into their rest. By their death we are admonished: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH,
U. HENRY HEILMAN,
SAM'L. R. FISHER,
A. W. MYERS,
STEPHEN STALEY,
Committee.

(*For Statistical Tables see Appendix*)

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2. Rev. John Ault, David E. Klopp, and Elders David Eschbach and John Rodenmayer were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The following order is proposed for the Religious Exercises to be observed by Synod on Thursday evening, according to a standing rule:

Opening by the Choir; Invocation and Hymn by the Rev. William M. Deatrick; Reading of Scripture and Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer; Hymn by Prof. John S. Stahr; Address b

the Rev. David E. Klopp; Hymn by the Rev. Maxwell S. Rowland; Address by the Rev. Samuel Philips; Prayer by Rev. John Beck; Doxology and Benediction by the Rev. John H. Sykes.

In regard to other religious exercises, the following appointments are proposed:

Reformed Church—Friday evening, Rev. John Beck; Saturday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer; Saturday evening, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard; Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias; Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans. Sunday school Addresses: Rev. Edwin R. Eschbach, William R. H. Deatrich, John W. Steinmetz, and Elder John Wiest.

Presbyterian Church—Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Giesy; Sunday evening, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer.

Methodist Church—Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer; Sunday evening, Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs.

Lutheran Church—Sunday morning, Rev. William Goodrich; Sunday evening, Rev. Adam C. Whitmer.

Bethel Church—Sunday morning, Rev. Henry W. H. Hibschman; Sunday evening, Rev. William F. P. Davis.

United Brethren Church—Sunday morning, Rev. David E. Klopp, Sunday evening, Rev. Maxwell S. Rowland.

The Committee recommand, that a Missionary meeting be held on Monday evening, to be conducted by the President or Vice President of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, at which an opportunity shall be afforded for brief volunteer addresses.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN AULT, *Chairman.*

The Religious Exercises of Synod were observed on Thursday evening, in the order proposed by the Committee. The other appointments made were severally filled.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, held in Chambersburg, October 7th, 1870, the President and Treasurer of the Board were appointed to report to Synod.

During the Synodical year, the Board held one special and two regular meetings. The first regular meeting was held at Mercersburg, May 11th, at which time they organized by re-electing the old officers.

The special meeting was held in Harrisburg, November 12th, for the purpose of putting more agents into the field, to complete, if possible, the scheme originated at Hagerstown Synod, viz., to raise fifty thousand dollars for the removal of the Theological Seminary to Lancaster, fifteen thousand dollars for the completion of the Tercentenary Professorship, and ten thousand dollars for the increase of the old Seminary Fund. The Board failed to secure other agents, and the Rev. John W. Steinmetz was continued alone.

The third meeting was held in Chambersburg, October 7th, 1870, at which time the Treasurer of the Board presented his account, which was audited, and a balance of $847.59 found to be due him. The Treasurer called the attention of the Board to the necessity of increasing the Seminary Endowment Fund. The whole amount of the Fund at six per cent. will fall short of paying the Professors' salaries. There are always parties who fail to pay promptly their interest, which more than makes up for the extra interest on Bank Stocks. The Board adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the report of this Board to Synod fully set forth all the facts in regard to the removal of the Seminary, the amount realized and subscribed, and how divided for removal or endowment; that, in the opinion of this Board, the Church has not responded to the call of Synod, in raising the amount of funds asked for by Synod to complete this movement, and that the further agitation of the subject be dropped, and that the Seminary be and remain where it is located in Mercersburg, where it has met in the past, as it is now meeting, all the demands of the Church."

The Rev. John W. Steinmetz tendered his resignation as agent of the Board, because the interests of his charge demand his time and care. His resignation was accepted. The report of the agent shows his labors during the last year to be not so successful as in the former year, the whole amount secured in cash, notes, and subscriptions, aggregating only about five thousand dollars, ranging in amounts from fifty cents to five hundred dollars, payable in from three months to five years.

The agent says: "I have been much hindered in prosecuting the work by brethren thinking their charges were not ready, or because *they* were not ready. Thus I had to spend much of my time and earnings in traveling to find brethren and charges ready. If I wrote beforehand, I was almost sure to receive a negative reply."

The agent also says: "I have done nothing with the Plainfield bonds. Indeed I could not, as they were not placed in my hands. I could not collect them on a simple statement. You can easily see that new subscriptions could not be secured, when the old ones were presented at the same time."

The agent reports the sum of $22,257 80 as the result of his labor. He says: "Of all the contributors, only five were opposed to removal, and these only gave $350 together. I could, with the exception of these five, have written all the notes for removal. Some three thou-

sand dollars' worth are written for endowment, simply because the Board determined that notes given for removal must be paid within three years, when for endowment the time might be five years. So when any brother could be induced to give a larger amount in five than in three years, or desired the more extended time, I wrote for endowment, or for endowment and removal. So far as the will or design of the donor is concerned, the Board could devote all I secured to removal without in the least doing violence to their will or design, the above five excepted."

Mr. D. W. Gross reported to the Board, that the Hon. John C. Kunkel (since deceased) placed in his hands $5,000 primarily for removal of the Seminary,—should this fail, for another object in the Church. Mr. Edward J. Zahm presented a transcript of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, January 6th, 1870, subscribing to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary five thousand dollars, to be paid by the conveyance of five acres of land now belonging to the College, as soon as satisfactory assurance shall be given by the Trustees of the Seminary, that their buildings shall be erected upon the five acres so conveyed.

The Treasurer of the Seminary reports about five thousand dollars paid on the endowment and removal fund.

The Committee would call the attention of Synod to the character of the notes and subscriptions obtained. The proportion for endowment is about the same as it was last year. The balance is for endowment and removal. Some parties, who gave their notes in this way, instruct the Treasurer, on remitting, as follows: "This money is for endowment," "This money is for the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg." Others say: "For the Seminary," and but few say for removal. There are seventy-five notes due and unpaid, amounting to nearly $5,000, and about one hundred subscriptions, amounting to $500. The Synod will see at once the uncertainty of the collecting of these amounts; and the notes and subscriptions maturing in '71, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are of the same character.

Respectfully submitted, D. W. GROSS, *President.*
A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

The President of the Board asked and obtained permission to append to this report the following statement:

The undersigned respectfully asks the privilege of appending to the report just read, the following statement of his position in that Board as an individual:

His signature to said report is his official act as its President, certifying to or stating the transactions of said Board, without approving of all its acts. In his relation to the Board as one of its members, he dissents entirely from the conclusions arrived at, at its last meeting, as embodied in a certain resolution then adopted, and contained in said report. The objectionable feature in said resolution is the declaration: "That the Church has failed to respond to the call made

upon her towards this object," and for that reason Synod be requested to determine that the Seminary should not be removed, but allowed to remain where it is.

In the report of our agent, a part of which is embraced in said report, it is stated that he has been engaged in the work only about eight months. In this time he has canvassed, say three Classes, viz, East and West Susquehanna, and East Pennsylvania, and a small portion of Maryland Classis, the better part of the latter remaining untouched. In this field he has secured in cash, notes and subscriptions, $22,257 00. Of this sum, he states that only five contributors, at the time of subscribing or giving their notes, "were opposed to the removal, and they only gave $350 together." "So far as the will or design of the donors is concerned, the Board could devote all I secured to removal, without in the least doing violence to their will or design, excepting the five cases above mentioned."

Three Classes and a small part of the fourth have subscribed this amount. There are seven Classes remaining in this Synod, in the bounds of which this interest has not been presented, for the reason that agents could not be procured to do it. In this number are included Lebanon, Goshenhoppen, Lancaster, Philadelphia and Zion, in which the balance required to fix our Seminary comfortably in Lancaster can easily be raised. In the resignation of our agent he states, that if *four* agents had been placed in the field at the commencement, the required sum would have been raised before this.

In addition to the above sum, we have a donation by one individual who is now in his grave, of $5,000, and the subscription by Franklin and Marshall College of five acres of land, worth $5,000 more. These things being so, the undersigned thinks that the conclusion at which the Board arrived is not warranted. D. W. GROSS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BRETHREN:—

I herewith submit my ninth annual report, which, in the main, differs but little from my former reports. Your investments have paid their usual dividends. Individuals have, as usual, failed to pay promptly. Your Treasurer has reminded them of the need of all dues. In some cases he has had a response; but in others, not only a silence, but a positive refusal to pay, and demand for their bonds, alleging that the Tutorship scheme has not been carried out by Synod according to its original design. Your Treasurer asks for instruction.

The Plainfield bonds have been very much neglected. No principal has been received, and but little interest. Your Treasurer would call the attention of the Board to the great importance of a further endowment of our Theological Seminary, as there are always parties who fail to pay promptly. The present endowment, at the usual rate of interest, must fall short of paying the Professors' salaries, which ought not to be.

The Library Fund meets all demands; but owing to its limited nature, purchases must of necessity be also limited.

thus being absent from examination, and to return at different dates after the opening of the succeeding term. This necessitates a special examination, and thus a special meeting of the Board or a Committee appointed by it. But even this fails to meet the necessity of the case, as there is so great irregularity in the time of their return, that the earlier-comers go forward for weeks together, in the advance class, before the Board passes upon their qualification for such advancement, thus greatly embarrassing its action. It is greatly desirable that Synod should adopt, if possible, some order upon the subject, and thus simplify the workings of the institution.

The evil of a failure on the part of some of the students to measure to the proper standard of literary scholarship, was again a cause of embarrassment to the Board. But believing that it was acting in accordance with the spirit of Synod's instructions, it disposed of the several cases, as prudence and its best judgment dictated.

The Faculty reported to the Board, that they had no new propositions to make with reference to the Traveling Tutor. The Board directed this report to say to Synod, that it was not prepared to make any such appointment.

Prof. Jacob B. Kershner was appointed to continue in his capacity as Tutor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis for the ensuing year, at the same salary as the preceding year.

Forty-two Beneficiaries have received assistance from the Board during the past year.

There will be as many students in attendance in the Seminary this year as there was during the last.

The Treasurer's report accompanying this will show the condition of the finances of the Board. S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

Synopsis of Treasurer's Report.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By balance in Treasury, October, 1869		$ 460 44
By cash received from the Classis of	East Pennsylvania	277 50
"	Lebanon	632 77
"	Zion	404 08
"	Philadelphia	512 81
"	Maryland	15 00
"	Mercersburg	1,417 44
"	Goshenhoppen	697 21
"	Lancaster	470 00
"	East Susquehanna	272 00
"	West Susquehanna	167 75
"	Loan	1,000 00
"	Int. and Dividends	260 57
"	Miscellaneous	143 60
		$6,731 17

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To cash paid beneficiaries of Classis of	East Penna.....	$ 375 00
"	Lebanon.....	639 59
"	Zion.....	411 58
"	Philadelphia.....	492 85
"	Mercersburg	1,241 00
"	Goshenhoppen.....	784 31
"	Lancaster.....	475 00
"	East Susquehanna...	275 00
"	West Susquehanna...	167 75
"	Clarion.....	250 00
"	General.....	1,295 60
"	Int. and expenses....	36 00
Balance in Treasury.....		287 49
		$6,731 17

Assets of the Board.

Nine shares of Harrisburg National Bank, par value $25 per share, yielding dividends per year $36, equal to	$ 600 00
One Government Bond.....	1,000 00
Loaned on Interest.....	1,138 44

Indebtedness of the Board.

Loan effected, April 1st, 1870, on which the interest is paid to October, 1870.....	$1,000 00

The assets are made up of legacies and donations given for permanent investment. The principal, therefore, must be kept inviolate, and provision made outside of it for cancelling the loan.

TREASURER.

I have examined the foregoing account, with the vouchers, and find it correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of $287.49. So certifies J. W. SANTEE.

October 22d, 1870.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom were referred the foregoing reports, with the appended documents, submitted their report, the reception of which and action upon it had been made the order of the day for the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions. At the time appointed, the report was received, taken up item by item, amended, and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, having examined the documents placed in their hands, beg leave to offer the following report :—

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

From this report, it appears, that, during the past year, the Board held three meetings, at which it gave most diligent heed to the business which claimed its attention. It endeavored to carry out the action of the last Synod, which directed the Board to appoint one or more agents to co-operate with the Rev. John W. Steinmetz in soliciting subscriptions for the removal of the Seminary, but failed to secure any other agents. The success of the agent, Rev. John W. Steinmetz, is reported as not having been so great during the past year as during the year previous, for several reasons, among which was the inability of the agent to devote much time to the work, and the unwillingness of many of the brethren to open their congregations to him.

In view of what the Board regards as the partial failure of the effort to raise $50,000 for the removal of the Seminary, during the past two years, the Board recommends that Synod drop the further agitation of this subject, and that the Seminary remain in Mercersburg, where it is now located.

From this judgment and recommendation of the Board, the President of the Board dissents.

The Board also reports, that there is a balance due the Treasurer of the Board amounting to $847.59, which deficiency makes it evident to the Board, that the Seminary endowment fund ought to be increased.

The Board reports further, that the agent, Rev. John W. Steinmetz, has resigned, and that his resignation has been accepted.

It appears from the report of the Board and from the paper presented by its President, that the whole amount secured for the removal of the Seminary is about $30,000, which amount was collected from less than one-half of the territory within the bounds of this Synod.

In view of these facts and suggestions, your committee would offer the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That the Theological Seminary be removed, during the present year, from Mercersburg to Lancaster, Pa.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be and hereby are instructed to obtain from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College the legal conveyance to them of the five acres of land offered by the Trustees of said College towards the removal of the Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be and hereby are instructed to proceed at once to the erection of such buildings, as may be necessary for the proper and permanent use of the Seminary, on the grounds donated by Franklin and Marshall College,

and that the buildings be ready for occupancy at the opening of the next term of the Seminary, on the second Wednesday of September, 1871.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary endeavor to prosecute most vigorously the work of completing the collection of the balance of the amounts still needed to realize the action of the Synod of Hagerstown in regard to the removal of the Seminary.

5. *Resolved*, That authority be and hereby is given to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg to lease the real estate of the Seminary, when vacated, to the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for educational purposes of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the term of ninety-nine years, at an annual rent of one dollar, and that the Synod be exempt from all expenses connected with the property, and that the lessee be required to keep the buildings in repair.

6. *Resolved*, That the Regents of said College shall always have a sufficient insurance on the property.

2. *Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

From this report we learn, that the Board, as heretofore, has been zealous in the discharge of the trust committed to its care and supervision. The Board attended all the examinations in the Seminary, and report that these examinations afforded abundant evidence of the thoroughness and comprehensive character of the instructions imparted by the Professors, and of growing knowledge and piety on the part of the students.

It reports, that there have been twenty-six students connected with the Seminary during the past year, and that prospects in this regard for the present year are encouraging.

The Board appointed Prof. Jacob B. Kershner to continue as Tutor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis for the present year, at the same salary as the preceding year.

The Board also had forty-two Beneficiaries under its care, to whom it gave assistance during the past year.

The Treasurer of the Board reports that he received during the past year $6,731.17, which includes a balance of $460.44 at the last annual settlement and a loan of $1,000, and expended $6,443.68, leaving a balance in hand of $287.49.

In regard to the statements of this report, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the appointment of Prof. Jacob B. Kershner as Tutor for the present year be confirmed.

Resolved, That the Classes be earnestly enjoined to continue to enlarge their contributions to Beneficiary Education.

In regard to the item referred to us, from the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, asking this Synod to declare which of the Professorships in the Theological Seminary is the German Professorship, should the Tercentenary Professorship be now endowed, your commit-

tee would state, that they have no knowledge that the Tercentenary Professorship is endowed and therefore have no declaration to make on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BECK,
C. H. LEINBACH,
SAMUEL MILLER.
E. M. LAUBAUGH,
J. DAVID MILLER, *Committee.*

The first item in the report, authorizing the removal of the Theological Seminary from Mercersburg to Lancaster, Pa, was adopted by the following vote of Yeas and Nays:

YEAS —John Beck, Isaac K. Loos, Samuel G. Wagner, Daniel E. Schoedler, Daniel F. Brendel, Owen L. Schreiber, Aaron G. Renninger, William Keller, Isaac E. Graeff, Samuel Miller, Charles H. Leinbach, Thomas C. Leinbach, John Wilhelm, Christian D. Zehring, Jacob D. Zehring, William D. C. Rodrock, Daniel Gring, Wm. F. Colliflower, Henry C. Schriver, Jacob Reif, John Schaeffer, Geo. Schwartz, Wm. A. Gring, Samuel Philips, Henry L. Grandlienard, Marcus Bachman, Joseph W. Santee, Daniel S. Biser, John Rodenmayer, Charles Becker, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Samuel R. Fisher, David E. Klopp, Wm. Brownback, Henry Klos, J. David Miller, Mortimer L. Shuford, Lewis V. Shearer, Stephen Staley, Moses Kieffer, Calvin U. Heilman, William C. B. Shulenberger, Frederick Hyle, John W. Nevin, Amos H. Kremer, William H. H. Snyder, Frederick A. Gast, Daniel W. Gross, Isaac Bushong, John S. Stahr, William H. Seibert, George W. Aughinbaugh, Joseph H. Dubbs, Lawrence D. Leberman, Daniel B. Mauger, Michael Worman, George K. Lorah, John W. Lescher, John W. Steinmetz, David W. Kelly, David Eschbach, George C. Welker, Elias Lawbach, Uriah H. Heilman, William G. Engel, Tilgham J. Seipel, Griffin Rote, John Hoffer, John M. Troxell. TOTAL, 69.

NAYS.—Joseph L. Lemberger, Jacob Sechler, George Hoobaugh, Joshua Motter, James R. Cushwa, Maxwell S. Rowland, John Wiest, Henry Heckerman, Adam Haderman, Jacob Heyser, John K. Keyser, Benjamin Neff, William M. Deatrick. TOTAL, 13.

NON-LIQUET.—Franklin W. Kremer, John H. A. Bomberger, Andrew W. Meyers, Henry Wissler. TOTAL, 4.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.—Joshua Motter, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, David Zeller, James Cushwa, D. M. B. Shannon, David C. Hammond, Edward J. Zahm, Jacob Heyser, John P. Hassler, and David B. Russell, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Dr. Isaac Lefever, Mechanicsburg,

Pa., John Heilman, Lebanon county, Pa., and Owen L. Schreiber, ~~Northampton~~ county, Pa., were elected.

Board of Visitors.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Joseph W. Santee, Isaac G. Brown, William Goodrich, Amos H. Kremer, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Peter S. Davis, J. Spangler Kieffer, and Daniel Y. Heisler, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, the Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, Samuel G. Wagner, and Charles F. McCauley, were elected.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following statements were received from the President and Treasurer of General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod (for the information of Synod) respectfully report sthe receipts from November 26th, 1869, to October 17th, 1870, the sum of eight thousand six hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-two cents ($8,652.72).

Amount paid out during the same period, nine thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty-three cents ($9,152.63), including balance due the Treasurer at last settlement.

Balance due the Treasurer, this date, $499.91. Orders on hand, unpaid, $1,512.50.

The annexed statement will exhibit the sources of the contributions of the four Synods and twenty-six Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer*
B. H. M. General Synod Ref. Church.

PHILADELPHIA, October 17th, 1870.

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Receipts from Nov. 26, 1869, to Oct. 17, 1870.

EASTERN SYNOD.

Classis of	Philadelphia,	$1,342 65
"	Goshenhoppen	1,186 44
"	East Penna	966 46
"	Mercersburg	847 51
	Carried over	$4,343 0[illegible]

Amount brought over	$4,343	06
Classis of East Susq	790	14
" Lebanon	765	04
" Zion	294	71
" West Susq	264	95
" Lancaster	292	73
" Maryland	165	75
" Virginia	150	00
" New York	106	19
	$7,172	57

SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Classis of Iowa	$395	75
" St. John	173	33
" Tiffin	135	31
" Miami	114	25
" Eastern Ohio	34	25
" Illinois	27	55
" Tuscarawas	13	85
	$894	29

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Classis of West New York	$125	00
" Clarion	43	50
" Westmoreland	22	58
	$191	08

SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST.

Classis of Indiana,	$48	40
" Erie	46	39
" Milwaukee	27	59
" St. Joseph	17	40
" Sheboygan	5	00
Treasurer of North-Western Synod	250	00
	$394	78

RECAPITULATION.

From the Synod of the Ref. Church in the U. S.	$7,172	57
" Ohio and Adjacent States	894	29
" the North-West	394	78
" Pittsburgh	191	08
Total receipts	$8,652	72
Paid out (including bal. due the Tr.)	$9,152	63
Balance due the Treasurer	$499	91

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

The undersigned has been instructed to present to your reverend body a statement on the subject of Home Missions in our Reformed Zion.

In endeavoring to prosecute this work, the Board labors under serious embarrassments.

Our receipts are inadequate to meet the demands upon us. To some of our missionaries who are dependent upon these promised appropriations from the Board, for the support of their families, we owe from two to three quarters' salary. Not a few are in need of the ordinary necessaries of life. Whilst they strive with meekness and patience to suffer for the sake of Christ, it need not surprise us, that they keenly feel this violation of a written contract by one of the highest Boards of the Church. If our pastors expect promptness in the payment of their salaries on the part of their charges, they ought to furnish this Board with the means to set the example in the prompt payment of its pledged appropriations.

Many new fields, ripe for the harvest, have been brought to our notice during the past year, some of which might have been made self supporting in from one to three years Not one in ten of these could we receive under our care. Thus to turn away empty the children and families of our own Church, without help, or, what is no better, with empty promises, the Board feels as a keen reproach to our Church, and a violation of plain Christian duty.

The indebtedness of the Church Extension Treasury amounts to $1,446.60.

Our pecuniary embarrassment is owing—

1. To the small amount contributed. To do justice to our missionary field, we ought to have at least five times the amount received at present. It could readily be secured by the general and systematic effort of all our pastors and congregations.

2. A considerable proportion of funds collected for Home Missions is disbursed by the respective Classes collecting it. Some of the wealthiest and largest Classes of this Synod use all the monies they raise for points within their own bounds, and even ask our Board for additional appropriations. In not a few cases, charges possessing the numerical and pecuniary strength to support a pastor or pay their Church debts, are allowed by their Classes unjustly to consume Missionary and Church Extension funds. In some cases, the Board seeing fit to withhold a certificate of permission from a congregation, to collect Church Extension funds, the Classis to which the said congregation belonged authorized it to collect, in the face of the prohibitory action of the Board. Where such a spirit of insubordination exists, the Board cannot possibly carry forward its labors with efficiency.

In the distribution of funds we are compelled to discriminate; and

where there are so many fields worthy of support, discrimination is exceedingly difficult, and sometimes painful.

The Board earnestly desires to avoid collision and irritating friction with any of the judicatories of the Church. The difficulty complained of was felt by the preceding Missionary Boards. It demands a remedy, and we affectionately and prayerfully appeal to the Synod to aid us in securing it. To succeed in our operations, we need harmonious action. Frequently Classes take charge of unpromising points within their bounds. On these they expend their contributions, sometimes for many years, and expect the Board to aid them, when it was never consulted in their organization.

We respectfully call the attention of your reverend body to the following points:

1. We need more money. To secure it, it will be necessary, so far as possible, to introduce and cultivate habits of systematic giving into our congregations. Where *all* give something, and give it at fixed regular times, as God has blessed them, the aggregate offerings will exceed expectations.

2. It is important that the Classes should exercise an economical discrimination in appropriating their Missionary funds to fields within their own bounds. No mission should be taken under their charge without the consent of the General Board. The officers of each Classis, or its committee on Missions, ought to see to it, that no mission receives aid any longer than is absolutely necessary. Where it is possible, weak charges should be strengthened by the addition of neighboring congregations; and where the members possess the means, they should be earnestly urged to make their charge self-supporting.

3. We need a definite understanding of the relation between the General Board of Missions and the Classes and District Synods of the Church, in matters pertaining to Home Missions. If we are to control and successfully cultivate the large field assigned us, there must be subordination and obedience to legitimate authority. In order to avoid confusion and unpleasant collisions, ought not all certificates, authorizing persons to collect for Church Extension, to emanate from the General Board of Church Extension, and from this only? The Board can be asked to issue such by the respective Classes, or by individual charges.

In order to secure the Church property of our respective missions permanently to the Reformed Church, the Board has adopted a resolution that from and after April 1, 1871, no mission shall receive support from this Board, whose congregation or congregations have not been incorporated according to the form of a charter adopted by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held in November, 1869. We deem this action important, inasmuch as some charges heretofore having received missionary aid, have passed over into other denominations, taking their property with them.

Our Board earnestly desires to carry forward this important depart-

ment of Christian beneficence with efficiency and success. Without the sympathy, active co-operation and prayers of the Church, we cannot possibly succeed. These, beloved fathers and brethren, we invoke at your hands. Help us to infuse system, order, and liberal support into this work. It becomes us, as individuals, and as a Church, to push forward the work of Christ with vigor. Souls are perishing through our dullness and delay. In the name of the Board which I represent, I extend to your reverend body our fraternal greetings; in their name, too, I invoke the blessing and guidance of Almighty God upon your deliberations, praying that He may graciously favor our Reformed Church with all needed blessings, and enable us all "to follow the faith of those who have gone before us in the way of salvation, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day."

Respectfully yours,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN,

President Board of Home Missions.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing documents had been referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

1. A statement on the subject of Home Missions in our Church by the President of the Board.
2. A report from the Treasurer of the same Board.
3. One item of the Church Extension Treasurer's report.

From these documents your Committee learns that the operations of the Board have been carried forward through another year, though not without serious embarrassment, caused by the want of funds. This want, the President of the Board informs us, is caused by two circumstances. First: by the small amounts contributed—and second: by the fact that a considerable proportion of the funds collected for Home Missions is disbursed by the respective Classes collecting it. Under the first cause, your Committee observe that, while last year there was a decrease in the amount contributed amounting to $1,081.21 compared with the year previous, we notice a still further decrease in the year just closed, though this is happily but small, viz., $124.45. During the year, only $8,652.72 was contributed. Nevertheless, the Treasury is in a much better condition this year than last. A year ago, the sum of $3,323.26 was due the Treasurer and the missionaries, while the entire indebtedness of the Board at the present time amounts only to $2,012.41, being $1,310.85 less than last year. Of this amount, $1,512.50 is due the missionaries, and $499.91 to the Treasurer.

Owing to this deficiency in the Treasury, some of the missionaries have not been paid the three last quarters of their salary. Thus many

of these self-denying and earnest servants of the Lord have, with their families, been suffering for the want of the common necessaries of life. Some of them have been compelled to borrow money at exorbitant rates of interest, to sustain themselves at all, just because they have not been promptly paid.

And as winter is at the door, they not only need the appropriations due to meet the debts contracted, but also to provide against the inclemency of the approaching season. God asks it at the hands of the ministry and of the people in self-supporting charges, that they give largely to the support of those in want. As He gives to us, so must we and our people give to those who are in need.

In order to provide for the deficiency in the Treasury and to avoid a like state in the future, we would recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That all the pastors be affectionately requested and urged to lay the whole subject of Missions before their people in stirring sermons, so as to awaken a proper interest among them upon this subject.

2. *Resolved*, That all the pastors be enjoined to preach upon the necessity and blessedness of giving largely to the Lord, and that they are not to become weary in well-doing.

The second cause of embarrassment to the Board is the fact, that some of the Classes appropriate in part, and one all, the missionary contributions in their own bounds. Some also send out agents to collect for Missions or Church Extension, without consulting the Board, and, in some instances, even adverse or contrary to its directions. Under these circumstances, there can be no equal distribution of the funds in hand or collected. Sometimes it occurs, that missionaries authorized to collect in certain districts come in contact with those appointed by Classes. These unpleasant collisions could and should be altogether avoided—but can be only when the Board alone is invested with the authority to issue permits to missionaries or agents collecting for Church Extension to canvass certain fields. On this point we would recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Home Missions have the sole right of issuing permits to agents collecting either for the Missionary Board or for the Church Extension Board.

2. *Resolved*, That each pastor be requested to discountenance every agent not possessing such permit.

In order to obtain a proper and just distribution of the missionary funds, it appears clear to our minds, that the distribution should be controlled by one body. If there be several such Boards, if each Synod or Classis is to have charge of its own missionary funds, then sectional feeling, often caused by a local knowledge, will result in attaching an undue importance to certain points, while others, from want of a better knowledge concerning them, in themselves vastly superior, will be entirely neglected. Only the central Board of the General Synod, representing the whole Church, and carrying on its correspondence with the whole Church, can fully know the wants of all sections of the Church.

On the other hand, Classes say that they know their own wants best, and are better able to judge of the distribution of their funds than those living at a distance.

As a compromise to these conflicting claims, we offer the following:—

Resolved, That we recommend all the Classes to carry on their missionary work through the Board of the General Synod, and establish no mission stations, or continue any, or make any contributions contrary to the wish of said Board.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

But one item of the Treasurer's report came to the attention of your Committee, viz., the expenditures in excess of receipts during the year, amounting to $1,446.60. Such a state of affairs in our Church Extension and Missionary Boards cannot but be greatly deprecated. Thousands of the children of the Church, unable to help themselves, have to be turned empty away, though they cry loudly for help, simply because their wealthy brethren will not properly assist them. They cry for help to erect churches, but the Treasury is overdrawn. They ask for ministers to break unto them the bread of life—but, alas! the supply is scarcely half as large as the demand. In view of these facts, be it

1. *Resolved*, That our pastors make more earnest efforts to introduce some systematic plan of regular and enlarged beneficence in all their congregations, and that this plan, if it be at all possible to introduce it, be what is known as the "Apostolic plan."

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend the claims of Church Extension to our pastors and people for their sympathy and aid, so as to make it a powerful and efficient arm in our missionary work.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod fully endorses the action of the Board in refusing to extend any aid to any congregation or congregations that have not been incorporated according to the form of a charter, adopted by the General Synod held in Philadelphia, 1869.

In view of the great lack of ministers in our Church, be it finally

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod urgently requests all the members within its bounds fervently to pray the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth more laborers into the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. STEINMETZ,
H. L. GRANDLIENARD,
J. D. ZEHRING,
JOHN RODENMAYER,
L. V. SHEARER. *Committee.*

As provided for in the report of the Committee on Religious Exercises, a meeting in behalf of Home Missions was held on Monday evening. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, the Vice-President of the General

Synod's Board of Home Missions, presided on the occasion. The exercises were introduced by the reading of a portion of Scripture, prayer, and the singing of a hymn. Several volunteer addresses were made by different brethren, after which subscriptions and contributions were received in aid of Home Missions, to the amount of $2,155.20. The services were closed with prayer, the long-metre doxology, and the apostolic benediction by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, accompanied with the report of the Treasurer of Synod, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Board begs leave to present the following report:

The Board is composed of the following members:

Eld. Edw. J. Zahm,	whose term	will	expire	January 1,	1871.
" Geo. H. Small,	"	"	"	"	1872.
Rev. Chas. H. Leinbach,	"	"	"	"	1873.
Eld. Henry Wirt,	"	"	"	"	1874.
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder,	"	"	"	"	1875.

As Elder Edward J. Zahm's term will expire by the 1st of January, 1871, we propose the names of Elder William H. Seibert of Harrisburg, and Mr. John J. Nissley of Hummelstown, as suitable candidates for the vacant office.

Whereas, the Synod took no action on the resolution recommended by the Board in reference to delinquent Classes, and whereas the deficiency is still greater this year than last year, therefore, the Board renews the request, viz: That the Board recommend to Synod to pass a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to charge interest on all assessments on the Classes for the Contingent Fund, remaining unpaid after the first day of July following the annual meeting of Synod.

CHAS. H. LEINBACH, *President.*

TULPEHOCKEN, PA., *October* 19, 1870.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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1870.		*Receipts on Contingent Fund.*	
February 4.	Goshenhoppen Classis,	E. Hartranft, Treasurer.....	$50 00
May 17.	St. Paul's "	D. S. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer.....	60 00
	Carried forward,.....		$110 00

1870.		Amount brought forward		$110 00
May	26.	Maryland Classis	Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer	125 00
"	26.	Lancaster "	Rev. A. H. Kremer, "	100 00
June	4.	W. Susquehanna "	Rev. U. H. Heilman, "	75 00
"	4.	Zion's "	W. A. Wilt, "	125 00
"	6.	Virginia "	Rev. H. Wissler, "	15 00
"	25.	W. New York "	Rev. Jno. Knie, "	15 00
July	8.	Mercersburg "	Dr. M. Kieffer, "	125 00
August	3.	Lebanon "	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, "	125 00
October	6.	New York "	Rev. J. F. Busche, "	15 00
1869.				
October	20.	To Cash Dividends Hagerstown Bank Stock		157 71
December	11.	" " Allotment on do do do		120 00
1870.				
March	9.	" " Hagerstown Bank Stock sold		517 60
"	29.	" " United States Bond sold		107 75
"	29.	" " Interest on United States Bond		6 69
"	29.	" " Loan at Hanover Saving Fund Society		200 00
April	1.	" " Interest on Northern Central Railway Bond		28 50
October	7.	" " do do do do do		30 00
March	29.	" " Interest on "Cook Legacy," 6 mos		39 07
April	19.	" " Jacob Heyser, interest on Mortgage 6 mos		285 00
October	7.	" " Interest on "Gerhart Donation," one year		20 16
"	7.	" " Interest on "Cook Legacy," 6 mos		28 00
		Balance in Treasury from last year		523 43
				$2,893 91

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1869.		By payments as follows, viz:	
October	22.	By Cash Rev. M. Bachman, German clerk of Synod for 1868	$50 00
"	25.	" " Rev. W. C. Cremer, paid by him for printing for use of Synod of Danville	1 50
December	1,	" " Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, Traveling Expenses as delegate to Lutheran Ministerium	4 50
"	3.	" " Rev. Dr. Higbee, Traveling Expenses as Delegate to Synod of Reformed Church in America	15 00
1870.			
March	7.	" " Jas. B. Rodgers Co., Bill for Printing English and German Minutes of Synod	579 01
"	7.	" " Rev. Dr. Fisher, Salary as Stated Clerk of Synod, Expediting minutes, Postage, &c	108 50
"	29.	" " For $1000 Bond of Northern Central Railway Company, bought by order of Board of Trustees, including Expenses on same	901 25
"	30.	" " Hanover Saving Fund Society, for money borrowed and Interest on same	202 20
April	19.	" " Adam B. Wingerd, Treasurer of Theol. Seminary, Six months' Interest on Kieffer and Cook legacies.	324 07
July	2.	" " Rev. M. Bachman, Salary as German clerk of Synod for 1869	50 00
"	16.	" " W. D. Gross, Esq., Treasurer of General Synod on acct. Contingent Expenses	500 00
October	8.	" " R. F. Kelker, Treasurer Foreign Missions, one year's Interest on Gerhart Donation	6 72
"	8.	" " Charles Santee, Treasurer Domestic Missions, one year's Interest Gerhart Donation	6 72
"	8.	" " Rev. Dr. Fisher, Treas. Board of Beneficiary Education, one year's Interest, Gerhart Donation	6 72
		Balance in Treasury from last year	137 72
			$2,893 91

Amounts still due by the following Classes on former Contingent Fund Assessment:

East Pennsylvania	Classis		$125 00
Philadelphia	do		125 00
Goshenhoppen	do		125 00
Lancaster	do		85 00
East Susquehanna	do	two years	230 00
Clarion	do		40 00
St. Paul's	do		50 00
North Carolina	do		15 00
		Total	$795 00

Investments held for Synod by the Treasurer, October 8. 1870.

"*Cook Legacy*," $1,200 U. S. 10-40 Bonds.
"*Kieffer Fund*," $9,560 loaned on Bond and Mortgage—$5,000 to Jacob Heyser, and $4,500 to Estate of William Heyser, deceased.
"*Gerhart Donation*," $300 U. S. 5-20 Bonds.
$1,000 Northern Central Railway Mortgage Bond, No. 24, and due in the year 1900.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In presenting to you the annual statement of the Receipts and Expenses of your Body, your Treasurer regrets, that the exhibit is not as favorable as it was at the close of the last synodical year. The balance in his hands is only $137,72, while the claims on the Synod due, and still unpaid, amount to about $550.

As per statement above, it will be seen, that there is still due Synod on its former assessments on the Classes for the Contingent Fund, $795,00. Were this promptly paid, all claims could be settled, and leave a working balance in the Treasury.

The attention of Synod is respectfully called to this part of the Report, with the hope, that such action may be had in reference thereto as will in the future remedy this growing unbusiness-like way of managing their financial matters by some of the Classes.

The Board of Trustees, at a meeting held at Harrisburg, ordered the Treasurer of Synod, for the purpose of consolidating some of the small investments of Synod, to sell the twenty-four shares of Hagerstown Bank Stock and the $100 U. S. 5-20 Bond donated by Maryland Classis, and invest the proceeds together with the dividends received on the bank stock and allotment paid on the shares by the bank in 1866, in a Bond of the Northern Central Railway. This has been attended to, as will be seen by a reference to the accounts above, which also show the amounts received and expended in carrying out this order of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, PA., *October 8th*, 1870. HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the account of Henry Wirt, Treasurer of Synod, hereby certify that we have examined the said account, and find it correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of One hundred and thirty-seven dollars and seventy-two cents.

HARRISBURG, *October 19th*, 1870. W. H. H. SNYDER, G. H. SMALL.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to submit the following report, viz.:

Two documents were referred to your Committee,—the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, and the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn, that the receipts of the past Synodical year amount to $2893,91, and the expenditures for the same period aggregate $2756,19, thus leaving a balance in the Treasury of Synod amounting to $137,72.

The sum of 795,00 is due from delinquent Classes, on former assessments, as follows, to wit:

East Susquehanna Classis $230, East Pennsylvania Classis $125, Philadelphia Classis $125, Goshenhoppen Classis $25, Lancaster Classis $85, St. Paul's Classis $50, Clarion Classis $40, and North Carolina Classis $15.

In regard to these delinquencies, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to charge interest on these assessments or parts thereof remaining unpaid on the 1st of January next, charging interest from July 1st, 1870, until paid.

Your Committee estimate the expenses for the current year, including the unpaid balance of $550 apportioned by the General Synod upon this Synod, at $1500.00.

To meet this. there is in the Treasurer's hands.....	$137 72
Due from delinquent Classes.....	795 00
Total.....	$932 72

To meet the remaining expenses needed for the present Synodical year, your Committee have made the following apportionments:

		New.	*Old.*	*Total.*
East Pennsylvania Classis,	.....	$100 00	$125 00	$225 00
Lebanon "	.....	100 00		100 00
Zion's "	.....	100 00		100 00
Maryland "	.....	100 00		100 00
Philadelphia "	.....	100 00	125 00	225 00
Mercersburg "	.....	100 00		100 00
Goshenhoppen "	.....	100 00	125 00	225 00
Lancaster "	.....	80 00	85 00	165 00
East Susquehanna "	.....	90 00	230 00	320 00
West Susquehanna "	.....	70 00		70 00
Virginia "	.....	25 00		25 00
North Carolina "	.....	20 00	15 00	35 00
New York "	.....	15 00		15 00
Clarion "	.....		40 00	40 00
St. Paul's "	.....		50 00	50 00
		$1,000 00	$795 00	$1795 00

In regard to these assessments, your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolution, *viz.:*

Resolved, That it be made a standing rule of Synod, that on all assessments or parts of assessments for Contingent Fund made by the Synod and remaining unpaid on the 1st of July following, the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to charge interest until paid.

From the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, your Committee learn, that the term for which Elder Edward J. Zahm was elected a member of the Board, will expire by the 1st of January, A.D., 1871. The Board proposes the names of Elder Wm. H. Seibert of Harrisburg and Mr. John J. Nissley of Hummelstown, Pa, as suitable candidates for the position that has become vacant.

Further, your Committee recommend to Synod for adoption, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to have 1500 Copies of the Minutes of the present sessions of Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English and 700 in the German language.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*
W. D. C. RODROCK,
W. G. ENGLE,
JOSHUA MOTTER,
FRED. HYLE.

Henry Wirt, Esq. was reëlected Treasurer of Synod.

The election to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod was held on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions. Rev. Maxwell S. Rowland and Elder Andrew W. Meyers were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result. Elder William H. Seibert was elected Trustee of Synod, in the room of Elder Edward J. Zahm, whose term expires on January 1st, 1871.

In connection with the election of the German Clerk of Synod, it was

Resolved, That he receive a salary of Fifty Dollars and his traveling expenses, and that the traveling expenses of the Stated Clerk be also paid hereafter, in addition to the salary hitherto received by him.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that an assessment of $1050 was laid upon this Synod, by the General Synod for Contingent expenses. It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the General Synod, the balance still due on the assessment made by that Synod, as soon as possible.

On the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, the Rev. Charles G. Fisher and Calvin U. Heilman, were appointed a committee to collect twenty-five cents from each member of Synod and others, to remunerate the sexton of the Mechanicsburg Reformed church for his services and to defray other expenses of Synod incurred during the present sessions. This committee subsequently reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them and realized from their efforts twenty-six dollars and fifty cents. The committee were instructed to pay the bill incurred for printing the Nominations of Synod, amounting to one dollar and fifty cents, and to pay the balance, twenty-five dollars, to the sexton.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, that notice had been given to the Classis of East Pennsylvania by Jacob B. Odenwelder, of an appeal from its decision in regard to a petition from the German portion of the congregation at Easton. As no one appeared to prosecute the appeal, it was considered as abandoned.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported a complaint by Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher and others, against the Classis of Philadelphia for indefinitely postponing action on a certain paper offered by Dr. Fisher in regard to Teachers of Theology. The complaint was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. William H. H. Snyder, Uriah H. Heilman, David W. Kelley, and Elders George C. Welker and Daniel S. Biser, to ascertain whether the complaint is in order, and if found in order, to propose the order in which the case shall be taken up and issued. The committee was instructed to report at two o'clock in the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions. At the time appointed, the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the complaint of the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, against the action of the Philadelphia Classis, in indefinitely postponing action on the preamble and resolutions offered by him, declaring the act of a minister of the Reformed Church, who undertakes to fill the office of a Professor of Theology in connection with a literary institution, without having first been appointed to that office by the Synod, unconstitutional, respectfully report, that they find the complaint in order, and recommend,

1. That the case be heard immediately after action is taken on this report.

2. That the complainant be allowed twenty minutes to open and argue the case; that the defendant follow in a speech not exceeding twenty minutes, and that the complainant close in a speech not exceeding fifteen minutes.

3. That the Synod immediately thereafter proceed to decide the question without debate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER,
U. HENRY HEILMAN,
D. W. KELLEY,
GEO. C. WELKER,
D. L. BISER. *Committee.*

The complaint was accordingly, immediately taken up. The complainant was heard in support of his complaint, and the respondent replied through the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger. After a brief response from the complainant, the Synod proceeded to vote on a motion to sustain the complaint, which was decided in the affirmative. The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That, in the decision reached in the complaint just issued, the Synod does not intend to pass upon the merits of the particular points involved in the case, but simply returns the subject to the Classis, with instructions to take it up and dispose of it in a regular way.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication, for the year ending September 30th, 1870.

The Board held its regular quarterly sessions during the year, with one exception, when sickness of some of the members prevented a quorum from being present. The business entrusted to its care received attention, and the result of the operations of the year, considering the circumstances in the midst of which they had to be carried forward, is quite encouraging.

At the last quarterly meeting a full Report of the operations of the

year, together with a statement of the present condition of the finances was presented by the Treasurer and General Manager. A brief synopsis of the most important parts of this statement may not be out of place here, whilst access can be had to the full report itself, if found necessary.

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

Subscription to the "Messenger" and advertising,	$8,559 51
" " "Kirchenzeitung" "	3,261 55
" " "Guardian,"	1,074 02
" " "Review,"	857 17
" " "Child's Treasury,"	2,665 07
" " "Lammerhirte,"	953 04
Publishing Fund,	758 25
Receipts in Store,	21,926 37
Loans,	3,100 00
Proceeds of Notes discounted,	1,476 46
Miscellaneous Receipts,	141 40
Total receipts from all sources	$44, 772 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal of Notes paid,	$3,631 77
Interest and discount,	675 56
Messenger, for composition, press work, and expediting	4,376 01
Kirchenzeitung, " " "	2,187 37
Guardian, " " "	917 80
Review, " " "	871 22
Child's Treasury, " " "	669 78
Lammerhirte, " " "	437 76
Paper bought for Messenger,	2,830 25
" " Kirchenzeitung,	741 53
" " Guardian,	337 80
" " Review,	283 20
" " Child's Treasury,	1,553 70
" " Lammerhirte,	511 81
" " Books.	1,275 62
" " Almanac,	214 00
Stock for Store,	6,400 41
Book Fund account,	734 58
Percentage account,	629 15
Postage account	404 82
Revenue Stamps,	12 16
Insurance policies,	100 00
Binding books,	2,762 65
Cuts for Almanac and Sunday-school papers,	53 50
Rent,	600 00
Coal,	18 00
Gas,	46 04
Copy money to authors,	1,079 48
Excise and Licenses,	72 44
Salaries of Editors, Contributors, and other employes,	7,516 00
Miscellaneous items,	2,094 46
	$44,038 82

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Receipts,	$44,762 84
Total Disbursements,	44,038 82
Excess of Receipts,	$734 02

LIABILITIES.

October, 1870,	$17,540 08
" 1869,	17,001 20
Increase of liabilities,	$538 88

ASSETS.

Due for Books,	$8,183 62
Due on Messenger,,	9,424 80
" Kirchenzeitung,	3,117 50
" Guardian,	2,299 00
" Child's Treasury,	1,565 39
" Lammerhirte,	436 87
" Review,	993 00
Stock in Store,	9,200 46
Books in sheets,	4,138 80
Due Bills,	600 00
Stereotypes and Illustrations,	6,162 90
Cuts for Treasury, &c.,	460 00
Fixtures,	800 00
Publishers rights purchased,	1,000 00
Copy Rights,	990 00
Book stamps,	86 50
Paper on hand,	790 88
Total Assets	$50,249 72

SUMMARY OF ASSETS.

October 1, 1870,	$50,249 72
" 1, 1869,	46,756 42
Total increase of Assets,	$3,493 30
Less increase of Liabilities,	538 88
Nett Increase,	$2,954 42

Forty-eight thousand three hundred and twenty copies of books, including sixteen thousand and fifty copies of the Almanac, have been issued during the year.

The subscription lists of the several papers and periodicals vary but little from their condition at the last annual report. To some of these there has been a small increase, and from others there has been a slight decrease.

At the suggestion of the Synod, the Board reduced the subscription price of the "Messenger" on the first of January last from $3 to $2.50 per year in advance. It has not, it is hoped, been without its benefi-

cial results, though there was not that general effort made to enlarge its subscription list, which was to have been expected.

The Mail List Clerk has made special efforts during the past year to rid the several subscription lists of unprofitable subscribers. The accounts of those in arrears for two or more years have been pressed for settlement, and the names of those, whose accounts are found to be uncollectable, removed from the list This process, though it makes the increase to the general list apparently small, yet renders the list itself more healthy and reliable. This effort has also told well in the way of enlaraging the receipts of the year from this particular source.

The financial condition of the Board, though not what it might have been, had there been an efficient co-operation throughout the Church with those to whom has been intrusted the management of its operations, yet, upon the whole, presents an improved aspect of affairs. The Receipts show a small excess over the Disbursements during the year; and whilst there is a slight addition to the liabilities, the increase to the assets is such, as to leave a clear gain to the Establishment of nearly three thousand dollars. The result furnishes palpable evidence of the certain future growth and success of our Publication operations, should the Board be furnished with proper facilities for prosecuting them, and a general co-operation be extended to it, by the ministry and membership of the Church.

The Board complied with the instructions of the Synod at Danville directing it, in view of the fact that Dr. Schaff, in his report in regard to the German Hymn Book presented to the Synod at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1859, explicitly states, that he has "expressly reserved for Synod, the right to the purchase of the copyright, on the simple condition of paying the expenses and assuming the stock on hand at cost," to inquire into the present attitude of the subject, and if found unchanged, to effect the purchase of said copyright, in case it shall be deemed expedient to do so. A note, communicating the action of Synod, was addressed to Lindsay & Blakiston, the publishers of the Hymn Book. To this two letters were received in reply. In the first, they simply stated that they must first communicate with Dr. Schaff, before they could return a reply, and in the second, that Dr. Schaff "informs them that subsequent action to that which took place in 1859, having changed the position of matters relating to the German Hymn Book, he has no proposition to make at present." The Board did not know what the matters referred to as having changed the position of affairs subsequent to 1859 are, and, consequently, was unable to proceed any further with the business referred to them, and must await additional instruction, if it be deemed necessary to prosecute the subject beyond the present point.

The Synod, at its last annual meeting, authorized the publication of the "Order of Worship" in the German language. The Board has thought proper to suggest to Synod, in case this measure should be carried out, the propriety of providing a proper selection of German Hymns, to be published along with it, as has been authorized by

the General Synod in regard to the Eastern and Western Liturgies in the English language.

The Board has under consideration, at the solicitation of a number of German ministers in the East, the propriety of issuing an Almanac in the German language. After making some inquiry with a view to procure a suitable person to furnish the necessary reading matter for such an Almanac, the enterprize was postponed for the present. It will, however, be resumed in future, unless the Synod direct otherwise

A correspondence has been had during the past year with German book publishers, looking to the procuring of an assortment of German books such as would answer for German Sunday Schools. The result shows, that it is possible to procure at least a pretty fair selection for this purpose, should it be deemed desirable by the German portion of the Church. The views of Synod, on this subject may not be unattended with a good result.

As stated in the last annual report, the Board had previously authorized a charge to be made for all acknowledgments in the papers, from the various Boards, and also for cards, marriage notices, and obituaries, as is done by most religious papers. Some of the Boards of our benevolent institutions seem to regard this measure improper, and wish to be relieved from its operation. As the Board believes the principle underlying the measure to be correct, it respectfully refers this general question to the Synod for its action in the premises.

The Board has issued four new publications during the past year, entitled "Rogation," "Easter Eggs," "Three Christmas Eves," and "Christmas Service" and has in process of publication, a small work entitled "Monica, the Mother of St. Augustine." The Board has been prevented from making further additions to its publications by the restrictions imposed by the last Synod, and the want of the necessary funds.

A very fine volume of Dr. Harbaugh's Poems in Pennsylvania German, entitled "Harbaugh's Harfe," has been issued for the editor, and met with a very ready sale. It is beautifully illustrated, and is a handsome contribution to the history of that portion of the population of this country, from which the membership of the Reformed Church in this country is largely drawn.

In view of the various unfulfilled resolves of the Synod in regard to its publication operations, and the apparent want of proper congruity between certain portions of them, from which, it is to be presumed, proceed, in part at least, the obstacles with which the Board has had to contend from year to year in prosecuting the work intrusted to its care, it has deemed it advisable to urge upon Synod "the absolute necessity of settling its policy, in a more enlarged and liberal spirit, with regard to its publication affairs." This subject is, therefore, respectfully pressed upon the serious and prompt attention of Synod.

The Board did not publish the report submitted to the Synod at

Danville on "The Relations of Elders to Pastors," in tract form as directed by the Synod, because the additional remarks contemplated by Synod, were not furnished. It was, however, published in our Church papers, both English and German.

It may be necessary to remind Synod, that the time for which the present Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" was appointed, closes with the year, and that provision, therefore, must be made for filling the position beyond that period.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

The following report was received from the committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," read and referred to the Committee on Publication:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church convened in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

REVEREND BRETHREN:—In compliance with the wishes of Synod, we submit the following report for the past year, in regard to the condition and success of the "Hausfreund," the superintendence of whose publication has been intrusted to us. The "Hausfreund" has had but little new experience. What was reported previous to this, holds good still. The following may be regarded as additional:

We said last year, that its continuance was tolerably certain. This has now become a fixed fact, so far as relates to its finances. The liabilities from previous years have been canceled, and all current expenses are paid to date. The "Hausfreund" has no debts, and there is a considerable amount due it for subscription. We can assure the Synod, that there will be next year a small excess of income, in case existing circumstances continue.

The number of subscribers has again increased somewhat, and we believe, also, that the contents of the paper have approached nearer their proposed end.

We trust the Synod will continue to favor the "Hausfreund," and recommend its increased circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HELFRICH,
P. S. FISHER,
C. H. LEINBACH, *Committee.*

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Publication respectfully report as follows:

The papers referred to us by Synod are the reports of the Board

of Publication, and of the committee having under its supervision the publication of the "Hausfreund."

From these papers we learn, that all the publication operations of the Church have been carried on during the past year with encouraging success, notwithstanding the fact, that the ministry and membership of the Church have not been as active in their co-operation as was desired.

The subscription lists of our various periodicals have been improved, but they have not been very greatly enlarged. There are still very many families in the Church that are not visited by these winged messengers of truth and love.

The book department has made a good beginning; but larger means are wanting to give it that measure of success, which the wants of the Church demand.

From the reports in our hands we gather the following items, which claim the attention of Synod:

Item 1. The Board was instructed at Danville to secure the copyright of Dr. Schaff's German Hymn Book, on the terms proposed by him to our Synod in Harrisburg. The Board have not succeeded in securing said copyright, on the ground that, Dr. Schaff alleges (in a letter to Lindsay & Blakiston) that subsequent action to that which took place in 1859, having changed the position of matters relating to the German Hymn Book, he has no proposition to make. As it is not known to what change the Doctor can have reference, it is recommended that the Board renew and continue their efforts to secure this interest.

Item. 2. The Board suggests to Synod the propriety of inserting in the contemp'ated translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language, suitable Hymns, as has been ordered by the General Synod in regard to the English version and the Western Liturgy. It is recommended, that this suggestion be carried into effect.

Item 3. The Board has had a correspondence with German Book publishers, looking to the procuring of suitable books for German Sunday-schools, and desires the views of this Synod on this subject. Your Committee is of the opinion, that this measure may result in good, under the judicious direction of the Board, under the eye of the German portion of our Church, and, therefore, recommend that the subject be referred to the German book editor, and German board of examiners.

Item 4 The measure inaugurated by the Board, to charge "for all acknowledgments in the papers from the various Boards, and also for cards, marriage-notices, and obituaries," is objected to by some of the Boards of our benevolent institutions. The matter is referred to this Synod for its decision in the premises. In reference to this subject, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Boards of benevolent institutions be not

charged for their acknowledgments, and that in all other cases the Board be allowed to act according to its own discretion.

Item 5. The Board calls the attention of Synod to the importance and necessity of settling its policy, in a more enlarged and liberal spirit, with regard to its publication affairs. The Committee recommend, that this measure be attended to.

Item 6. Synod is reminded, that the time for which the present editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" was appointed, closes with the year. The Committee recommend, that the Board be authorized to fill the editorship during another year.

Item 7. The "Hausfreund," in the opinion of your Committee, as well as in the opinion of Lebanon Classis (whose request has been referred to us) is accomplishing an important mission, and deserves our sympathy and encouragement. It is, therefore, earnestly recommended, that this publication be heartily welcomed into the family of our periodicals, and that it receive the cordial sympathy and encouragement of our people.

Item 8. In view of all the foregoing facts, Synod reiterates its recommendation to the Classes, the ministers, and people of our Church, to renew their efforts to increase the subscription lists of our church periodicals, and to circulate the books of our publication Board.

Item 9. In accordance with the wishes of the Mercersburg Classis, the Committee recommend that Synod request the Board of Publication to insert in the future edition of the Book of Forms, the form of an act of incorporation for a congregation adopted by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

M. KIEFFER,
D. E. KLOPP,
BENJ. NEFF,
JOHN WILHELM, *Committee.*

Action on the second item in the report was taken in connection with the action of Synod on the report of the Committee appointed by the Synod of Danville, to examine the translation of the "Order of Worship" made under the direction of the Classis of East Pennsylvania. See Article XX, Church Government.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the fifth item, a committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel Miller, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and George C. Welker, was appointed to settle the policy of the Synod in a more enlarged and liberal spirit in regard to its publication affairs. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Synod's policy in regard to its publication affairs would report:

That they consider the duty assigned them too important to receive proper attention at the late hour in the present sessions of Synod, in

which the subject has been referred to them, and hence ask to be continued until the next annual sessions of Synod.

SAMUEL MILLER.
Chairman.

Rev. C. Bank was substituted in the place of the Rev. John B. Kniest in the German Board of Examiners.

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last annual sessions, to propose the order of succession of the Trustees of the Board of Publication under the provisions of the Charter, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to propose the order of succession for the Trustees of Board of Publication under the Charter obtained from the Legislature, respectfully recommend,

That the members of the Board, as at present constituted, be classified as follows: Daniel W. Gross, Adam B. Wingerd, John Meily, Goldsboro S. Griffith, and George Gelbach. The term of the one first named shall expire at the close of the year 1871, and the terms of the remainder shall successively expire, one at the end of each succeeding year, in the order in which their names occur. The vacancy occurring in 1871 shall be filled by the Synod at its annual sessions held during that year from nominations made by the Board itself, and the vacancy occurring in each succeeding year shall be filled in like manner. The Trustees thus elected shall serve each five years. The Board shall not be precluded from including in its nominees, the name of the individual whose term expires.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL R. FISHER,
Chairman.

The committee appointed by the Synod at it last annual sessions, to secure a house for the use of the Board of Publication, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

Owing to the peculiar state of affairs at the present time, the committee have as yet taken no positive steps towards the purchase of a house suitable for the use of the Publication establishment.

The reasons that have determined the course of the committee are chiefly these:

1. The present arrangement of the Board enables them to drag along for the time being, without calling on the Church just now for the large donations needed to purchase such a house as our future wants may require.

2. The numerous calls upon the Church for other needy objects are already so very large and pressing, and money seems so scarce for general benevolence, that it would be exceedingly unwise to urge anything more now, which may at all be temporarily postponed.

3. The price of such property, as would be desirable for the object intended, has been ruling high. The prospects are, that such real estate will somewhat recede in price. The case will, therefore, not grow worse by this temporary postponement.

4. But the wisdom and benefits of providing a suitable property for such use must be so apparent, that it is still necessary to keep it before the mind of the Church, in order to secure this great desideratum. When the proper time comes and a favorable opportunity offers, there should be some authority at hand to take hold of such advantage in behalf of this general and important interest.

Submitting these considerations to the Synod, we suggest that the powers of the committee be continued, with instructions to secure the object aimed at in their original appointment (See Min. 1869, pp. 60 and 61), at as early an opportunity as they may deem practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
SAML. R. FISHER,
SAMUEL H. GIESY,
CHAS. SANTEE,
GEORGE GELBACH,
Committee.

The committee appointed to secure the manuscripts and books of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee respectfully report, that they visited Lewisburg and spent several days in examining the manuscripts of Dr. Harbaugh, and obtained permission to bring them on to Mercersburg, where they are now deposited in the library of the Theological Seminary. Two members of the committee also devoted some time in a further examination at the latter place. The committee also appointed one of their number to furnish a catalogue of the books in the library left by Dr. Harbaugh, with a view to report to Synod as to the propriety of procuring those that are suitable for the Theological Library. This work, however, for certain reasons, was not performed. The library is now at Mercersburg, in the possession of Mrs. Harbaugh.

Your committee are not yet prepared to report as to whether the lectures of Dr. Harbaugh on the Catechism, and other manuscripts, might furnish one or more volumes for publication. Considerable labor would have to be bestowed upon them before they could be made ready for the press. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, your committee are of the opinion, that Synod should not dismiss the subject, but allow another year to be given for further examination. Reasons for this will suggest themselves to the consideration of Synod. Another committee might be appointed for this purpose, or the old committee continued or enlarged. Further explanation of the character of the manuscripts referred to can be given by members of the

committee present on the floor of Synod. The committee incurred an expense of $24. in their work.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Isaac G. Brown was substituted in the place of the Rev. Uriah H. Heilman, and the committee thus constituted, continued. The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the expenses thus far incurred by the committee.

A request was reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, from the Classis of Philadelphia, asking Synod to reconsider its action ordering pastors and consistories to exert themselves in behalf of the authorized publications of the Church, &c.

In reference to this, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted so far as relates to substituting in said action, the word *recommended* for the word *ordered.*

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported an item from the Minutes of the General Synod in relation to the transfer of the $500 copy money from the German Hymn Book. It was referred to the German Board of Examiners.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin for the able and highly appropriate Sermon preached at the opening of its sessions, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication in the "Reformed Church Messenger."

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The report of the committee on Lay-Baptism submitted to the Synod at Danville, action on which was deferred until the morning of the third day of the present sessions, was taken up at the time appointed. The report was read and a motion was made for its adoption. The following substitute was then offered for the report, and after a lengthy discussion it was adopted:

"Without considering it necessary at this time to pronounce any general judgment on the subject of Lay-Baptism, this Synod holds it to be right and proper, that where a minister stands in doubt of a case like that here reported, he should have recourse with regard to it, for the relief of all, concerned, to the use of what is known as hypothetical or conditional baptism."

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last annual sessions to examine the translation of the "Order of Worship" executed under the direction of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to examine certain specimens of a translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language, made under the direction of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

That they have found the work in question highly creditable to the source from which it proceeds, but are of the opinion, at the same time, that it does not come up fully to the style and tone which are needed to make the Liturgy what it ought to be for our German churches, and, therefore, have not felt at liberty to sanction its publication.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

The request of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asking Synod to provide for a translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language, was taken up in this connection. It was

Resolved, That the committee be continued with instructions to procure a translation, which shall meet their approbation, and to have it published as soon as such translation shall be secured.

The Rev. Samuel Miller was made Chairman of the committee, and the Rev. N. S. Strassburger and Julius J. C. Kurtz were added to it.

In the same connection the suggestion of the Board of Publication in regard to the propriety of adding a selection of hymns to the German edition of the "Order of Worship" was taken into consideration. In reference to this suggestion, it was

Resolved, That the appending of such a selection of hymns be left to the discretion of the committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported the appointment of a committee to attend to the interests of this Synod before the General Synod, in the several cases of Appeals and Complaints carried up from this Synod to the General Synod. In reference to this, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the action of the General Synod on the several Appeals and Complaints sent up to it has been postponed, this committee be continued.

The Classis of Zion, Virginia and Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked permission to form a new Synod south of the Susquehanna river in conjunction with the Classis of Maryland. Action on these requests was deferred until the next annual sessions of Synod.

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to decide whether an Elder elected as a

delegate to Classis but who does not appear in Classis, can be regarded as a member of Classis. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the question be answered on the negative.

In compliance with a request of the Classis of Philadelphia, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Mercersburg was directed to comply with the action of Synod in regard to ministers dismissed from one Classis to another, which it failed to do in the case of the Rev. Henry H. W. Hibschman and Albert G. Dole.

The Classis of Lancaster, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classis, requested Synod to inform it whether the committee appointed by it to install the Rev. Anthony F. Züllig from Switzerland, can do so in accordance with the Constitution. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Rev. Anthony F. Züllig is a member of the Pastoral Conference of Switzerland, with which the General Synod stands in regular correspondence, the committee of the Classis of Lancaster be permitted to proceed with the installation.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The committee appointed to erect a monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, and another to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Rauch, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued.

The committee of Synod appointed to solicit funds and erect a Monument in memory of the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh respectfully report, That they performed the work with which they have been entrusted; but are not able to make a final report. A beautiful monument has been erected over the remains of the deceased, which lie under the trees in the front yard of the Reformed Church of Mercersburg; and was unveiled, accompanied with suitable religious services and an address, on Tuesday afternoon, the 18th of October, the day before the meeting of this Synod. As a photograph of the Monument will be presented to the Synod, we deem it unnecessary to attempt a description. We merely say, that it is a fine work of art. The design is expressive and appropriate, and the execution beautiful. The artist is Mr. D. Kern of York, Pa.

What the entire cost may be we are not yet able to report; as there have been various incidental expenses, the amount of which we have not had time to ascertain. A railing has also yet to be erected.

The committee has received $402,68. There are outstanding subscriptions amounting to $222,68.

In regard to the Rauch Monument, we can do no more than report progress. Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to attend to the interests of Synod in certain church property in the city of Washington, D. C., submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee continued by the action of Synod last year on the Washington church case has had no formal meeting during the year. The business intrusted to this committee was thought to be in such a state of forwardness, that the report of last year already recommended its transfer to a local committee at Washington.

Only by correspondence has there been anything additional attempted to be done in such a shape as to report it in form to the Synod, without detriment. This has, thus far, resulted in no material success, for which the committee can only express their disappointment and regret.

Instructions were given to the counsel in the case to proceed at once, and to push it at the earliest possible day to a final issue. But as yet we know of nothing as to the progress of these proceedings, to report to this meeting of the Synod.

Efforts have also been made by a member of the committee to secure the copy of a legal document, by which it is supposed, title to other valuable property in that city may be established. So far nothing definite has been reached in this matter.

Situated as the present committee have been, it is, in fact, not convenient, if indeed possible, for the committee to hold frequent meetings, without great loss of time and expense.

It will be for the Synod to determine how this important work, hitherto in the hands of your committee, shall be carried forward. Instructions should be given to those, who may have this interest committed to them, to take such positive and decided action as will bring it to a speedy and definite conclusion.

The most laborious and difficult part of this business has been done; and it only remains for some efficient power to complete the work.

Respectfully submitted. GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*

Col. George S. Wagner, Hon. Daniel S. Biser, and Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias were appointed a committee to carry out the object aimed at in the appointment of the original committee.

The Classis of Zion, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to inaugurate a movement looking to the creating of a Fund, the proceeds of which shall be devoted to the relief of aged, disabled, and superannuated ministers. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That this subject be referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer, Jacob O. Miller, and Elder William A. Wilt, with instructions to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to inaugurate measures for the proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary. It was

Resolved, That this subject be referred to a committee of five to report at the next annual sessions of Synod. This committee consists of the Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Dr. Franklin, W. Kremer, Joseph H. Dubbs, and Elders William H. Seibert and Elias Lawbach.

The following communication was received from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and referred to the Committee on Nominations:

LANCASTER Oct. 12th, 1870.

To the President of "the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

The terms of office of the following gentlemen, members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, expire at this time: Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, and James L. Reynolds Esq. EDW. J. ZAHM.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

In connection with the election of delegates to Corresponding Bodies and of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, an election was held to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, when the following persons were elected for a term of ten years: Rev. Jacob O. Miller, James L. Reynolds, Esq., and Lewis H. Steiner, M. D.

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, the Committee on Nominations presented their report. It was received, amended, and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, at 10 o'clock, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed the election was held. The Rev. Uriah H. Heilman and Elder George C. Welker were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result.

On the fourth day of the sessions an invitation from the Union Prayer Meeting of Mechanicsburg to members of Synod, to attend its meeting to be held in the Reformed Church, on Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, was received and read.

A copy of a work, entitled "Christian Praise," was presented to Synod in behalf of the Rev. John B. Thompson, of the Reformed Church in America, and also a copy of a work, entitled "Bible Gems," by

Miss Rebecca E. Kremer of Lebanon, Pa. The thanks of Synod were returned to the respective donors, and the books ordered to be placed in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

The following statement was received from the President of the "Society of Guardians for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes:

The Society of Guardians for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, having instructed the undersigned to report its condition and wants to this Synod, I beg leave to submit the following:

The funds have been slowly increasing, and now amount to eight thousand dollars; which sum is safely invested, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum. This increase of the funds comes from collections taken in the churches, and from unexpended interest.

There are three classes of persons, who may receive aid from the Society: 1. The widows of members. They are *entitled* to aid, if their circumstances render it proper. 2. The widows of ministers who where not members; 3. Ministers themselves, who are members, when, through disability, they are in need of assistance. The last two classes are not, in the sense of the first class, entitled to aid, but the Society is competent to afford them relief to any extent that its resources will justify.

As the demand for help is liable to become greater from year to year, it is very important, that our resources accumulate much more rapidly. The Church should aim at establishing a Fund of at least fifty thousand dollars within a few years. This, we believe, can easily be done, if the character of this Society comes to be understood by the people.

The Synod has time and again recommended this charitable institution to the favorable regard of ministers and churches; and many have responded, and thus enlarged our resources. It is desirable, however, that some more definite action be taken at this time. The Society respectfully requests the Synod to recommend to all ministers and consistories to present its claims to the people on the third Sunday in June, 1871, and thus afford every congregation an opportunity to contribute something to its funds. We ask only, that the charitable nature of this Society be made known to the members of every congregation on that day, and that the society may receive their free-will offerings. Very respectfully.

E. V. GERHART, *President.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion made in the above document, the pastors in connection with this Synod be requested to take a collection in their respective congregations on the third Sunday in June next, in aid of the Society.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the President of the Society to issue an appeal to the pastors and membership of the Church, in behalf of the Society.

On the morning of the eighth day of the sessions at the opening of the session, it was

Resolved, That the speeches on all subjects during the remainder of the present sessions be limited to five minutes each.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Pastor and members of the Reformed Church of Mechanicsburg, and other citizens, who have so hospitably entertained its members during its present annual sessions, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit, and likewise published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pennsylvania, Cumberland Valley, Philadelphia and Erie, Northern Central, and Philadelphia and Reading Railroad companies for permitting its members to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

The Roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pa., on Wednesday, October 18th, A. D., 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned with singing by the Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, prayer by the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, and the apostolic benediction by the Corresponding Secretary.

AMOS H. KREMER, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the Original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. S. Dubbs, D.D.,		Superannuated,												$87 00	Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.
John Zuilch,	6	Jacob's, &c.,	1220	815	135	75		700			50				Steinsville, do do
W. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Zeigel, &c.,	981	840	123	78	10	812		115	55	7	757	524 49	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	7	Kutztown,	1340	1160	160	96	8	1000		30	60	9		241 00	Kutztown, Berks County, do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill, &c.,	680					350							Brodheadsville, MonroeCo., do
C. J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua,	485					420							Catasauqua, Lehigh do
A. J. Herman,	6	Zion, &c.,	620	300	50	26		500			15	7		145 82	Maxatawny, Berks do
D. F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	540	375	50	66		410			39	3	120	548 59	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	450	310	61	36	114	325		14	21	1	210	550 00	do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	640	525	44	18	8	512		3	17	1	419	2972 52	Easton, do do
E. W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	880	650	67	20		600			25	5		1232 88	Nazareth, do do
W. R. Hofford,	2	South Whitehall,	230		12	6		160		1	7	3		565 60	Allentown, Lehigh do
G. B. Dechant,	3	Hamilton,	225	200	29	13		175		2	16	4		575 00	Scioto, Monroe do
Ab. Bartholomew,	4	Weissport,	640	520	177	97		445		2	55	9		150 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	726	491	57	36	53	394		17	42	1	441	1489 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Moore Township,	450	500	48			210		1	60	3	254	157 60	Kreidersville, Northampton do
E. J. Fogel,	4	Jordan, Charge,	900	700	87	92		800		5	44	7		1024 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh do
M. A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	875	560	52	43		500		3	21	3		975 75	Nazareth, Northampton do
I. S. Weisz,	4	Mt. Bethel,	600	510	47	28	13	498		11	23	6		1238 00	Stone Church, Northampton do
J. C. J. Kurtz,	2	Tamaqua,	500	200	71	36		250			30	2		100 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
S. A. Leinbach	1	Egypt,	500		66			300		2	18	5	275	575 48	Laubach's, Northampton do
S. G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Eng. Ref.,	237	178	12	6	19	163		2	5	1	182	112 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
L. K. Derr,	1	Slatington,													Slatington, do do
D. E. Schoedler,	1	Brodheadville,													Bethlehem, Northampton do
F. H. Schwartz,															Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D.D.,		Prof., Layfayette Col.,													Easton, Northampton do
I. K. Loos, supply,	1	Rittersville,	90	70	13		2	65			5	1	90	18 00	
A. J. G. Dubbs, supply,	3	Trexlertown, &c.,	400	250	36	23		290		1	27	3	200	144 48	
Total, 26.	73		14209	9154	1397	795	227	9879		209	635	81	2948	$13,427 21	

CLASSIS OF LEBANON

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev-Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,	3	Fredericksburg,	375		37	11		285			20	4	325		Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1450		235	115		1300			71	12	1200	$50 00	Reading, Berks do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	4	Schwartzwald, &c.,	650		167	52		550			50	4		184 00	do do do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	900	700	35	45	4	560		15	35	1	368	604 11	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	725	380	93	24	5	600	1	3	33	4	325	126 00	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Wm. A. Good,		Without charge,													Reading, Berks do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	415	250	17	32		325		2	11	4	190	276 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	320		45	30	9	250		7	22	1	250	388 38	Reading, Berks do
Samuel Miller,	2	Pottsville,	250	180	18	12	5	225		2	5	2	160	32 35	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1300	850	116	85	10	1085		5	65	14	1300	150 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	1	Myerstown,	465	310	51	34	12	410		12	9	1	240	755 57	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Herman Bokum,		Without charge,													Atlanta, Georgia.
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1350		99	73	43	1100		20	71	1	600	1359 75	Reading, Berks County, Pa.
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	130	80	18	9	4	80		4	10	1	130	402 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken.	1150	760	94	106	15	975		10	24	5	300	343 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	2	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	330	180	48	42		200		4	10	2	225	436 32	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lk'l. do
Eli E. Heister,	3	Hanover,	210	175	33	12		175			13	3	100	58 00	Grantville, Dauphin do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Orphans' Home,	37	61	3	1		38		1		1	99	156 11	Womelsdorf, Berks do
Stephen Schweitzer,	3	Shaefferstown,	450	211	29	22		230		1	23	2	190	109 93	Shaefferstown, Lebanon do
William M. Reily,	1	Jonestown,	175	100	20	3		100			9	1	75	110 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
John A. Hoffheins,	1	Trinity Ch., Pottsville,	79	58	9		20	76			1	1	110	43 75	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Isaac E. Graeff,	2	Trin'y Ch., Tamaqua,	155	150	23	2	3	125			4	2	130	130 57	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	1	Em'l. Ch., Minersville,	137	109	37	10	9	119		3	26	1	92	36 29	Minersville, Schuylkill do
Herman R. Nicks, Lic.		Prof. of Palatinate Col													Meyerstown, Lebanon do
John M. Clemens,	2	St. Clair,	137	70	5	36	21	123		3	1	2	80	50 27	St. Clair, Schuylkill do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's, Mahonoy,	228	225	55	10	3	220		4	6	1	160	105 25	Mahonoy, Schuylkill do
	2	Womelsdorf, Mt. Ætna,	380	250			13	320		8	7				Supplied by Rev. G. Wolff.
	1	Shoemakersville,	70	50		13		65			5	1	60		Supplied by Rev. P. P. Hoffman,
	2	Orwigsburg,													Supplied by Rev. Rittenhouse,
	3	Leesport, &c.,													Supplied by Rev. A. S. Leinbach,
Total, 26.	64		11868	5149	1287	779	176	9536	1	104	531	71	6709	$5,907 65	

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German),	625	283	81	14		375			20	3		$84 00	York, York County, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Manheim,	360	150	24	18		320			14	5		150 54	Hanover, York do
F. W. Vandersloot,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	300		52			300			18	3			York, York do
Daniel Riegel,	2	Dillsburg,	220		21	11		181			8	2			Dillsburg, York do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Paradise,	590	550	59			580		3	22	8		158 12	York, York do
David Bossler,		Without charge,													York, York do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	Trinity Church,	320					290							York, York do
Daniel Gring,	5	Shrewsbury,	450	265	51	15		365			18	8		215 00	Shrewsbury, York do
William K. Zieber,	1	Hanover,	350	250	32	3	13	270		5	9	1	175	400 00	Hanover, York do
John Ault,	1	Mechanicsburg,	205	125	20	17	6	195		10	8	2	155	82 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberl'd do
W. F. P. Davis,	5	Abbottstown,	546	300	67	38	20	510		6	27	4	300	175 00	New Oxford, Adams do
W. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	380	207	53	17	15	360		5	20	1	126	143 00	Gettysburg. do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emanuel's,	710	400	67	45	3	638		4	16	8	400	147 00	Codorus, York do
James A. Shultz,		Without charge,													Lancaster City, do
W. D. C. Rodrock,	4	Duncannon,	128	100	15	14	10	112		3		2		48 00	Duncannon, Perry do
Ephraim Kieffer,	3	Sulphur Springs,	150	100	6	5		125		3	2	4	100	25 00	Carlisle, Cumberland do
David W. Wolff,	3	Conowago,	475		18	16		425		5	13	5	175	150 00	Arendtsville, Adams do
R. R. Smith,	5	Dallastown,	330	197	40	21	11	140		2	15	4		33 10	York, York do
John S. Foulk,	1	Carlisle,	206	175	14	17	5	170		6	7	1	200	243 75	Carlisle, Cumberland do
John A. Peters,		Without charge,													Lancaster City, do
Caspar Scheel,	4	Christ's Church,	595	365				480				3			Littlestown, Adams do
William F. Colliflower,	3	New Bloomfield,	205	145	28	15	15	195		2	6	4	150	66 07	Newport, Perry do
Aaron Wanner,	1	Heidelberg Church,	103	132	11	13	14	70			1	1	120		York, York do
Alexander S, Vaughan,		Without charge,													Elkton, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	4	Landisburg,	325	250	30	13	6	252		7	7	7		270 42	Landisburg, Perry County, Pa.
Samuel E. Herring,	3	Zion's,	360	150	19	10	5	335		10	5	6	400	100 00	Blain, Perry do
Aaron Spangler,	3	York Springs,	200					180							
Suppl'd by R. R. Smith,	4	Trinity charge,	167	150	16	21	1	103			3	3		25 25	
Suppl'd by John Ault,	1	Filey's Cong.,	65	50	14	20		58		2	1	1	20		
Suppl'd by "	1	Churchtown Cong.,	60	45	8	11	1	58		4		1	30		
Sup. by W. F. Colliflower,	1	St. John's Cong.,	60	43	6	1	1	55			2	1	30	12 90	
Suppl'd by S. E. Herring,	1	St. Andrew's Cong.,	25	25								1	50		
Frederick Fox,	1	First Ch'ch, San Francisco,	26	50	18	1	5	26			3	1	75	87 00	San Francisco, Cal.
Total, 28.	77		8536	4507	770	356	131	7068		77	245	90	2506	$2616 15	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Ev. Ref. Church,	550	520	34	30	18	491		3	39	2	500	$750 00	Frederick City, Md.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	380	195	40	28	2	360		2	4	4	180	65 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley,	1	Knoxville, Supply,	15		3	5		15							Petersville, Frederick Co., do
Vacant,	1	3d Church,	252	196	14	11	7	220		5	12	1	260	133 00	
Jesse Steiner,	4	Taneytown,	437	427	39	20		400			37	4	230	250 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	340	320	46	17	3	300		7	20	1	250	267 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st Reformed Church,	168	85	9	29	3	146			14	1	225	500 40	208 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do
John W. Hoffmeier,	3	Manchester,	380	90	55	11	8	350			20	2	100	100 00	Manchester, Carroll Co., do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg,	332	241	9	30		300		2	5	2	60	200 00	Emmittsburg, Frederick Co., do
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Church,	430	288	95	29	29	376		8	22	1	175	117 70	78 S. Broadway St., Balt., do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	4	Mechanicstown,	300	225	26	5	3	285		7	7	3	130	93 25	Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., do
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	123	90	6	2	6	114		6	3	2	150	200 00	Clearspring, Washington Co., do
Jacob Pister,	1	4th Church,	480		116	63	16	450			64	1	190	340 00	Baltimore, do
Henry L. Grandlienard,	1	6th Church,	240	184	54	14	110	130		15	20	1	125	35 00	Baltimore, do
Henry I. Comfort,	1	Burkittsville,	83	48	5	13		76		5	4	2	90	25 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do
Simon S. Miller,	4	Jefferson,	328	328	18	17	17	314		5	15	4	250	420 50	Jefferson, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2	Hagerstown,	265	250	14	18	16	220		10	11	1	240	713 44	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
Abner R. Kremer,	5	Glade,	415	370	36	30	8	305		4	10	3	160	878 54	Walkersville, Frederick Co., do
William C. Cremer,	3	Westminster,	460	340	75	26		400			35	2	150	50 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do
Samuel Philips,	1	1st Eng. Church,	308	315	24	67	9	249		3	9	1	325	65 00	73 Aisquith St., Baltimore, do
John W. Ebbinghaus,	1	1st Church,	155	77	25	10		100		5	7	1	60	15 00	Washington City, D. C.,
J. Conrad Hauser,	1	St John's Church,	124	120	12	4	8	107				1	70	75 03	Frederick City, Md.
Jacob Hassler,	2	Boonsboro,	148	141	90	35	20	141			3	2	110	50 00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., do
W. Augustus Gring,	3	Mt. Moriah,	200	64	9	21	2	136		11	2	3	220	554 35	Keedysville, do do do
Benj. Schneider, D.D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Brooss, Asia Minor.
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,													Frederick City, Md.
C. Beecher Wolff,		Licentiate,													Baltimore, do
Vacant,	1	Christ Church,	140					80				1	45		
Total, 26.	51		7053	4914	854	535	285	6065		98	368	46	4295	$5898 21	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
E. O. Forney,	1	Shepherdstown,	133		21	2	1	133			3	2	90	$22 00	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Henry Wissler,	1	Lovettsville,	101	90	3	1	1	95				2	50	20 00	Lovettsville, Loudon Co., do
S. K. Kremer,	1	Martinsburg,	167		9	13		157			2	1	120	23 00	Martinsburg, W. do
J. W. F. Graham,	4	Mill Creek,	225		21	16	1	200				4		19 00	Mt. Clifton, Shenandoah do
M. L. Shuford,	2	Winchester,	96	56	8	18	3	87			1	1	75	12 00	Winchester, do
Geo. H. Martin,	4	Woodstock,	340		11	20	4	320			4	2		75 00	Woodstock, do
Vacant,	4	Edinburg,	321		30	11	6	252			12	3		32 00	
J. C. Hensell,	5	Mt. Crawford,	300	200	30	12		240		5	4	5	300	77 38	Mt. Crawford, do
John Lantz,	3	Middlebrook,	140	75	8	1		140		1	3	1	60	18 00	Moffatts Creek, Augusta. do
H. St. J. Rinker,		Without charge,													Edinburg, W. do
Hiram Shaul,		do do													Cincinnati, Ohio.
W. D. Lefevre,		do do													Lancaster, Pa.
A. J. Bowers,		Licentiate,													Bush's Mill, Augusta Va.
A. C. Geary,		do													
Total, 13.	25		1523	421	141	94	16	1624		6	29	21	695	$298 38	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificat.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George W. Welker,	3	Guilford,	275	200	48	14		275			4	1			Shaw's Mills, N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold,	4	Grace,	169	160	10	7		168			2	2			Lincolnton, do
Philip A. Long,	3	Lower Davidson,	330		25	15		330				4			Lexington, do
Thomas Long,	3	Upper Davidson,	365		78	100		365				2			Salem, do
Jesse W. Cecil,	2	No charge,													Thomasville, do
John Ingle,	2	West Rowan,	245		14	12	3	245		3	3	2			China Grove, do
John C. Denny,	3	East Rowan,	634	270	26	12	5	353	1	2	5	4			Gold Hill, do
Jacob C. Clapp,	1	Newton,	130		7	6	2	130		5		2			Newton, do
M. L. Hedrick,		No charge,													Lexington, do
Vacant,	1	Haw River,													
do	3	Catawba,													
Total, 9.	25		2148	630	208	166	10	1866	1	10	14	17			

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Vacant,	1	Race Street,	338	198	5	3	8	236		12	4	2	160	$10,134 55	
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	679	375	118	49	18	650		42	37	2	475	525 00	No. 1230 N. 6th St., Phila., Pa.
John G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's,	1910	800	536	134	61	1495		28	194	4	975	1704 20	No. 530 St. John St., do do
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	100	30	5	1		95				2	100	} 1044 50	Chester Springs, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	152	40	6	12		115				1	60		
Nathan S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,	148	44	4			144		1	2	2	150	31 25	Prospectville, Montgomery " do
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	330	90	14	12	8	275			8	4		82 35	Vincent, Chester, Co., do
Samuel H. Giesy, D.D.,	1	Christ Church,	159	75	14	3	36	145		1	2	2	150	144 00	No. 2043 Wallace St., Phila., do
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	623	400	182	58	49	615	1	15	68	2	430	259 45	No. 1304 Howard St., do do
Jacob Dahlman, jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	187	165	16	5	6	125		9	4	1	125	612 93	No. 413 N. 38th St., do do
Abraham Romich,	1	St Stephen's,	165	125	81	16	15	150		1	8	1	120	5 53	No. 2023 Girard Aven., do do
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Emanuel's,	76	60	13	7	7	76			1	1	110	63 58	Bridesburg, Phila., do
Charles Becker,	2	Bethlehem's,	95	94	8	4		94			3	1	92	35 00	Glassboro, N. J.
Daniel Gans, D.D.,	1	Ascension,	144	50	8	2	5	104		1	1	1	110	50 00	Norristown, Pa.
Geo. B. Russell,*	1	St John's, W. Phil.,	12	11	2			12				1	40		No. 54 N. 6th St., Phila., do
D. Ernest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	164	30	15	17	28	150		5	5	1	200	75 00	No. 1541 N. 7th St., do do
T. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	2	Trappe,†	280	60				230				1	102		Collegeville, Montg., Co., do
John Gantenbein,	1	St Paul's,	134	140	45		18	85		8	6	1	100	14 00	1542 Christian St., Phila., do
Simon M. K. Huber,	1	Wentz's,	295	90	14	10		250		6	19	1	95	91 84	Worcester, Montgomery Co., do
Charles G. Fisher,	1	Boehm's,	216	117	12	2	2	172		4	5	1	100	148 25	Blue Bell, do do
M. S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	150		3	5	3	87			1	1	75	107 36	East Vincent, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	117		41	45	16	100	1	1	1			64 31	
Otto Meerwein,	1	Jerusalem's,	254	156	87	36	26	227		25	52	1	300	95 33	No. 820 Otis St., Phila., do
Geo. D. Wolff, supply,	2	W. Marsh & N. Wal.,	190	40	15	21	3	175			2	2	240		Norristown, do
Maximilian Frankel,	1	Zion's,	60	75	10			60			10	2	65		Egg Harbor, N. J.
Vacant,	1	Heidelberg,‡	156			22		150		6		1	192	220 70	Philadelphia, Pa.
do	1	St. John's,‖	41	25	2	5	36	41			1	1	28		Kent Co., Del.
Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'r,													No. 54 N. 6th St., Philad., Pa.
Geo. B. Russell,		do do													do do do
Total, 32.	33		7175	3290	1256	469	345	6058	2	165	434	40	4594	$15,509 13	

Without charge: Chas. W. Shultz, Camden, N. J. Geo. Leidy, Norristown, Pa. H. Miller, Adamstown, Lancaster County, Pa.
F. W. Dechant, 1444 Camac St., Phila., Pa. C. Lukens, Frankf'd, Phila., " J. S. Ermentrout, Kutztown, Berks County. "
D. Foote, Philadelphia, " A. Helffenstein, N. Wales, " Licentiate J. Van Haagen, Collegeville, Montg. Co. "

* Recently taken charge as Missionary Pastor. † Report of last year. ‡ Supplied by Rev. Wm. B. Culliss of the Presbyterian Church. ‖ Supplied by Rev. Geo. B. Russell.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Benj. S. Schneck, D.D.,	1	2d ch., Chambersburg,	29	23	10	2	1	24		1	1	1	25	$26 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	8	Woodcock Valley,	612	618	52	40	4	600		2	20	4	200	202 02	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	4	Bedford,	322	225	23	17	9	312		11	4	3	200	251 88	Bedford, Bedford do
William M. Deatrick,	5	Friend's Cove,	365	350	34	27	19	355		10	7	3	200	238 40	Charlesville, Bedford do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	275	270	16	23	15	270		6	2	1	73	131 48	Mercersburg, Franklin do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet,	336	308	20	17	6	322		9	5	4	175	313 34	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	4	Schellsburg,	385	270	25	6	3	350		3	8	1	45	160 00	Schellsburg, Bedford do
Adam C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona,	166	140	29	7	33	143		6	10	1	75	201 85	Altoona, Blair do
Peter S. Davis,	1	Chambersburg,	347	225	17	12	9	315		13	4	1	301	1561 25	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Calvin U. Heilman,	4	St. Clairsville,	870	712	80	24	10	800		6	32	9	515	339 35	St. Clair-ville, Bedford do
Samuel N. Callender,	3	Greencastle,	420	350	12	1	3	320		13	8	3	150	683 08	Greencastle, Franklin do
T. G. Apple, D.D.,*		Pres., Mercersb'g Coll.,													Mercersburg, do do
E. E. Higbee, D.D.,*	1	Prof., Theolog'l Sem.,	69	25	1	4	13	69		4				153 79	do do do
E. V. Gerhart, D.D.,*		do													do do do
Jacob B. Kerschner,*		Tutor in do													do do do
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	220	150	11	13	2	185		3	4	2	125	168 00	St. Thomas, Franklin do
John H. Sykes,	2	Martinsburg,	194	133	12	11	1	179		2	2	2	80	317 24	Martinsburg, Blair do
Lewis D. Steckel,	3	Huntingdon,	293	312	20	54	3	282		2	5	2	140	124 12	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	2	Supply to Mont Alto,	105	75	9	1	4	85		3	8	2	150	13 00	Mont Alto, Franklin do
Moses Kieffer, D.D.,	4	do Grindstonehill,	250	276	5	5	3	218		2	4	4	200	138 00	Chambersburg, do do
H. H. W. Hibschman,	3	Waynesboro,	378	215	16	49	6	299		6	2	1	120	145 70	Waynesboro, do do
Albert G. Dole,	2	Shippensburg,	250	150	5	7	6	240		2	3	1	125	51 19	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Elias D. Shoemaker,	3	Yellow Creek,	190	195	8	2	1	180		4	1	2	110	75 00	Pattonsville, Bedford do
Vacant,	4	McConnelsburg,	180	210	15	1	5	167			3	3	165	25 00	
do	4	Greenfield,†													
John Rebaugh,*		Superannuated,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
George R. Zacharias,		Without charge,													Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
George W. Glessner,		do													Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Joseph S. Loose,		do													Harrisonburg, Va.
Henry W. Hoffmeier,		do													Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
Lucian Cort,		Prin. Jun. Col. Instit.,													Martinsburg, Blair do
John B. Kieffer,		Lic. & Prof. in M. Col.,													Mercersburg, Franklin do
Total, 30.	66		6256	5232	420	328	156	5715		108	133	50	3174	$5319 69	

* Pastors of Seminary Chapel Congregation. † Statistics included in St. Clairsville charge.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser,		Retired,													Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Peter S. Fisher,	5	Indianfield,	1325		78	63		1106		6	48	5		$463 00	Sellersville, Bucks do
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	1060	600	72	41	13	960		5		2	460	2109 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,		Retired,													Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,						6									Gilbertsville, Montg'y do
William R. Yearick,	1	Hilltown,	259	144	22		3	237		8	5	1	44	158 74	Hilltown, Bucks do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	1	Trinity Church,	453	300	78	30	15	424		5	22	1	250	298 60	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	820	625	50	30	5	642		6	20	8	220	442 00	Bucksville, Bucks do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	490	200	86	27	1	480			41	4	175	101 20	Oley, Berks do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	560	340	51	64	2	511		4	32	4		171 78	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	2	Upper Saucon,	493	230	62	64		410		2	21	2		417 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Upper Milford,	470	365	40	46	10	430		1	20	6		80 00	Shimersville, do do
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	174	96	12	16		162		1	3	2		393 75	Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	580	450	53	42	1	560			26	2	250	267 31	Boyertown, Berks do
Levi C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	45	50	4			40				1	60	13 00	Doylestown, Bucks do
Simon K. Gross,	3	Ridgevalley,	300		39		4	287			26	2		5 35	Sellersville. do do
Henry Hess,	2	Springfield,	460		18	29		300			9	2		142 50	Pleasant Hill, do do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	750	375	41	101	4	639		4	13	3		187 90	Pottstown. Montgomery do
Tilghman O. Stem,	2	Lower Saucon,	375	236	16	30		255			15	6		412 97	Hellertown, Northampton do
	1	New Hilltown,*	75	14	1			74			1			11 00	
	2	Williams Township,†	150		28			100			8	4		30 13	
	2	Towamencin,‡	266		20	17	4	215		13	13	1	85	67 44	
	1	Huffs,‖	300	150	40	37		200			10	1		46 06	
Amandus F. Ziegler,	4	St. Paul's,	440	250	62	13		360		2	30	4	120	140 64	Leithsville, Northampton do
Henry Hess, supply,	1	South Bethlehem,	70	60	7	7	8	74		1	2	1	70	13 73	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, do	1	South Easton,	70		7			60			1			24 83	
Total, 20.	58		9985	4485	890	563	70	8526		58	366	62	1734	$5997 93	

* Supplied by Rev. Nathan S. Aller.
† Supplied by Rev. Daniel F. Brendle.
‡ Supplied by Rev. Samuel M. K. Huber.
‖ Supplied by Rev. Alfred J. Herman.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	330		206	47	26	330		1	2	1	275		108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Lewis B. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	140		25	10		90		24	7	1	140		Boston, Mass.
Philip A. Schwarz,	2	Holyoke, S. Hadley F.,	120		30			80			5	1	45		Boston, Mass.
Charles Bank,	1	New Brunswick,	212		45	12	15	180	3		11	1	70		New Brunswick, N. J.
John Eipperle,	1	Rahway,	157		31	5	15	67			2	1	145		Rahway, N. J.
Caspar Brunner,	1	Bridgeport,	60		20	6	4	47			1	1	56		Bridgeport, Conn.
Oscar Lohr,		Foreign Missionary,													Bisrampore, India.
John S. Ebaugh,		City Missionary,													New York City.
Andrew Schroeder,															Freeport, Ill.
E. M. Shults,		City Missionary,													New York City.
Total, 10.	7		1019		357	80	60	794	3	25	28	6	731		

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bernard C. Wolff, D.D.,		Without charge,													Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Vacant,	6	Bethany,	295	75	34	14		231			7	6	300	$38 30	
William T. Gerhard,	1	St. John's,	241		20		98	130			2	1	142	10 00	Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey,*	3	Elizabethtown,	130		12	1	1	95			5	2	90	103 00	Lancaster, do do
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	College church,	89	11			12	48		3	1			208 50	Lancaster, do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,												.	Lancaster, do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	340	300	28	41	12	275	2	†119	8	1	260	406 27	Lancaster, do do
Prof. Theodore Appel,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.													Lancaster, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	322	241	22	10	5	168			11	1	70	178 00	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Edwin H. Nevin,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	236		14	17	8	160		2	5	1	200	1353 40	Lancaster, Lancaster do
John V. Eckert,		Without charge,													Lancaster, do do
Joseph Hannabery,	2	New Providence,	150		18	4		116		3	5	2	165	22 50	New Providence, do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in College,													Lancaster, do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	280	75	18	9	12	200		9	17	1	250	1283 50	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Nathan E. Bressler,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	72		10	1	5	68			10	1	80		Harrisburg, do do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	270	173	33	18	6	236		1	12	3	140	157 57	New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Frederick Pilgram,	1	Columbia,	78	40	13	17	21	60		3	5	1	80	41 00	Columbia, do do
Vacant,	2	Manheim,	102	47	3		5	90			4	1	100	48 00	
do	5	Reamstown,	478	500	30	75		324			8	3	300	30 00	
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	211		34	38	2	195	1		5	3	179	91 00	Millersville, Lancaster do
Anthony F. Züllig,	1														Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Total, 18.	36		3244	1562	289	245	187	2396	3	140	105	27	2356	$3971 04	

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.—Ellis N. Kremer, Louis Zahner, Jacob Hisey.

* Supply. † 98 were dismissed to the newly organized St. John's (German) Congregation.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Shellhammer,	5	Union,	280		46			88			14	7		$17 35	Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	215	200				200							Ashland, Schuylkill do
Jared Fritsinger,	8	Mahanoy,	500	425	74	33	2	425		2	31	8	325	105 00	Greenbrier, Northumb'd do
Henry Hoffman,	6	Conyngham,	490	300	38	17		300			14	6	250	182 00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
John W. Steinmetz,	4	Danville,	265	220	35	7	13	240		5	10	4	300	250 00	Danville, Montour do
Jacob Kehm,	6	Uniontown,	660	550	79	22	2	560		3	30	6	400	498 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Samuel H. Reid,	1	Milton,	195	260	12	8	14	175		2	2	1	250	18 00	Milton, Northumberland do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	5	North Susquehanna,	225	145	30	5		165			1	5		300 00	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry Mosser,	3	Paradise,	408	195	26	13	19	373		10	8	3	200	514 74	McEwensville, Northb'd do
William A. Haas,	4	Augusta,	392	252	22			359			3	4	220	69 00	Sunbury, do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	2	Bloomsburg,	280	250	41	46	18	200		6	17	2	203	57 63	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
David W. Kelly,	3	Shamokin,	240	275	50	8	1	215			9	3	280	50 00	Shamokin, Northumb'd do
John W. Lescher,	4	Berrysburg,	304	61	39	44		284		3	1		270	127 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John Wolbach,	3	Cherry,	148		30	25	1	148			7	2		25 00	Overton, Bradford do
Alfred Houts,	3	Orangeville,	163	128	11	21	5	156		2	7	3		15 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Jos. H. Schlappig,	3	Lykens,	100	50	21	8	2	61			9	2	60	14 27	Lykenstown, Dauphin do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	5	Armstrong Valley,	200		14	23		150			31			31 00	Halifax, do do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	130	120	14	11	3	105		3	4	1	110	224 00	Sunbury, Northumb'd do
John J. Waldburger,	4	Hazleton,	835	330	98	39		769		62	35	2	200	18 00	Hazleton, Luzerne do
Vacant,	6	Deep Creek,													Danville, Montour do
Daniel P. Diehl,		Licentiate,													
Total, 20.	77		6030	3761	680	330	80	4973		98	233	59	3068	$2515 99	

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol's	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. H. Grob,	5	Boalsburg,	454	481	32	33	3	440		4	8	6		$2247 92	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	450	400	68	34		450			22	5		360 84	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany Valley,	306	148	24	36	4	264		11	3	2	180	817 25	Walker, Centre do
David G. Klein,	1	Eden,	50	40	6			40		1				30 00	Walker, Centre do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Aaronsburg,	358	278	24		4	220		8	10	4	200	1025 93	Aaronsburg, Centre do
Levi Kryder Evans,	1	Williamsport,	100	60	13	11	11	100			2	1	75	182 75	Williamsport, Lycoming do
Uriah H. Heilman,	2	Lewisburg,	380	250	21	35	15	325		22	14	2	150	262 00	Lewisburg, Union do
William G. Engel,	6	Rebersburg,	300	200	29	21		180			7	2	125	155 12	Rebersburg, Centre do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	405		26	30	11	328		3	12	3	200	214 00	Mifflinburg, Union do
Filghman J. Seiple,	6	New Berlin,	300		37	29	7	220		4	11	3		55 76	New Berlin, do
Jeriah S. Shade,	5	Selinsgrove,	390		10	9	2	326		2	12	4		28 40	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Daniel M. Wolf,	4	Bellefonte,†	112	50	12	5	6	100				5	80		Bellefonte, Centre do
William W. Clouser,	1	White Deer Cong.,†	102					102							West Milton, do
	1	Union Cong.,	61		8			51		2	3	1		38 00	
Levi Kryder Evans,*	1	Black Hole Cong.,	40		2			40		1		1	100	5 25	Montgomery Sta'n, Lyc' do
	1	Messiah's do	70	40	3	13	6	70				1	90	6 00	Alvira, Union do
	1	Nippanose do	65	35	8	11		65			4	1	100	11 00	Collomsville, Lycoming do
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton do
Jacob Mayer,		do													do do do
J. Caspar Bucher, D.D.,		do													Lewisburg, Union do
Total, 16.	51		3943	1982	323	267	69	3321		58	108	41	1300	$5440 22	

* Supply. † Last year's report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excomm'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.
East Pennsylvania,	26	73	14,209	9,154	1,407	795	227	9,879		209	635	81	2,948	$13,427 21
Lebanon,	26	64	11,868	5,149	1,287	779	176	9,536	1	104	531	71	6,709	5,907 65
Zion,	28	77	8,536	4,507	770	356	131	7,068		77	245	90	2,506	2,616 15
Maryland,	26	51	7,053	4,914	854	535	285	6,065		98	363	46	4,295	5,898 21
North Carolina,	9	25	2,148	630	208	166	10	1,866	1	10	14	17		
Virginia,	13	25	1,823	421	141	94	16	1,624		6	29	21	695	298 38
Philadelphia,	32	33	7,175	3,290	1,256	469	345	6,058	2	165	434	40	4,594	15,509 13
Mercersburg,	30	66	6,256	5,232	420	323	156	5,715		108	133	50	3,174	5,319 69
Goshenhoppen,	20	58	9,985	4,485	890	663	70	8,526		58	366	62	1,734	5,997 93
New York,	10	7	1,019		357	80	60	794	3	25	28	6	731	
Lancaster,	18	36	3,244	1,562	289	245	187	2,396	3	140	105	27	2,356	3,971 04
E. Susquehanna,	20	77	6,030	3,761	680	330	80	4,973		98	233	59	3,068	2,515 99
W. Susquehanna,	16	51	3,943	1,982	323	267	69	3,321		58	108	41	1,300	5,440 22
Total, 13 Classes.	274	643	83,289	45,087	8,882	5,102	1,812	67,821	10	1,156	3,224	611	34,110	$66,901 60
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes, —	126	278	17,847	9,725	1,765	968	648	16,013	114	251	453	177	10,084	11,119 98
Synod of the North West, 7 Classes, —	97	165	10,337	6,734	1,286	736	671	8,552	65	309	314	95		9,954 35
Synod of Pittsburg, 4 Classes, —	50	128	9,841	8,110	1,019	545	277	7,773		108	225	80	4,935	6,043 97
Total, 4 Synods, 32 Classes,	547	1214	121,314	69,656	12,952	7,351	3,108	100,159	189	1,824	4,216	963	49,129	$94,019 90

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